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ISLAMABAD (AFP) — Pakistan's parliament gave Prisne Minister Nawaz Sharif a mandate Tuesday to clamp federal rule in his troubled home province of Punjab, amid a protest walkout by the opposition. The government moved an emergency resolution at a special joint session of the two houses of parliament after a second dissolution of the Punjab the two houses of partiament after a second dissolution of the Punjab assembly by a hostile provincial governor just 24 hours previously. The resolution called on President Ghulam Ishaq Khan to issue the necessary proclamation for the assumption of powers of the provincial administration by the federal government. Under the constitution, the president is obliged to obey. Carried by I45 votes to seven, the resolution enables Islamabad to take over "all powers exercisable by both the governor and the government of Punjab." It also called for replacement of the provincial governor, Chadhury Altaf Hussein, who twice dissolved the Punjab assembly in a month since his appointment by the president, the Punjab assembly in a month state his appointment by the president, the second time in defiance of a court ruling. Mr. Hussein was nominated governor of Pakistan's most populous and politically important province after Mr. Ishaq Khan backed by former Premier Benazier Bhutto, sacked Mr. Sharif and dissolved the National Assembly, the lower house of parliament, on April 18, amid a power struggle with the premier.

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AMMAN (Petra) — European Community (EC) delegate to Jordan Renato Batti Tuesday announced an EC decision to transfer to the Jordanian treasury a sum of JD 21.3 million, which is part of a JD 44 million financial assistance to the Kingdom. Mr Batti, who made the announceband ment at a meeting with acting was page. Finance Minister Walid Assour. said the agreement on financial aid was signed last September. Mr. Asfour voiced Jordan's appreciation to the EC for its contioued economic assistance to

EC official due July 4

AMMAN (J.T.) — European Commission Vice-President and Commissioner for Development and Cooperation Manual Marin. will visit Jordan July 4-7, 1993. He will be accompanied by Mr. Eherhard Rhein, director, directorate general for external economic affairs, and Mr Georges Ponette, a senior aide to Mr. Mariti. During his visit Mr. Marin will bold talks with the prime minister, ministers, the speaker of the Lower House of Parliament and the chairman of the Foreign Relations Committees of both Houses.

Iran threatens 'preemptive' strikes

TEHRAN (AFP) - Iran on Tuesday threatened to launch "preemptive" strikes against Iranian rebels based in Iraq. Hassan Rowhani, secretary of Iran's National Security Council, said Tehran could launch preemptive strikes on the Mujahedeen rebels rather than wait to be attacked, the official IRNA news agency said. Mr. Rowhani gave no other details about the policy change. The Mujahedeeo frequently launch guerrilla attacks on Iranian oil industry and other targets from bases in Iraq. Iran ha taliated with air strikes on these bases, the last of which was May

Iragi oli talks to resume next week

GENEVA (R) — High-level talks between the United Nations and Iraq over Iraqi oil sales will resume next week in New York, a U.N. spokeswoman said Tues-day. She said U.N. Security-General Bootros Ghali was "confident" an alleged Iraqi plot to assassinate former U.S. President George Bush and a retaliatory U.S. missile attack on Baghdad "will not constitute an obstacle to the progress of the negotiations."

Rabin arrives in the **Netherlands**

THE HAGUE (AFP) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin arrived here Tuesday for talks with Dutch leaders expected to focus on ties between his country and the European Community (EC), having earlier called for more EC cash for Palestinian

FAO official arrives

AMMAN (J.T.) — A senior official from the Rome-based U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisatioo (FAO) arrived in Amman Tuesday for talks with Jordanian officials on forestry and pasture affairs. Dr. M.K. Muthoo, director, Forestry Operations, is scheduled to meet senior officials at the ministries of planning and agriculture and the resident U.N. representative in Amman, Osman Hashem. At a dinner hosted by M.M. Pant, a senior FAOofficial based in Amman, Dr. Mothoo promised Agriculture Minister Marwan Kamal that FAO fully supported Jordan's economic reform programme and would continue to support the

Russia to veto lifting of Bosnia embargo

MOSCOW (R) - Russia will veto any United Nations attempt to lift an embargo on military to lift an embargo on military supplies to Bosnian Muslims, a senior official said Tuesday. Deputy Foreign Minister Anatoly Adamishin told reporters in the parliament building that Russian representatives in the United Nations had been instructed to vote against any resolution to lift the embargo (see Bosnia story on page 8)

Tension runs high in Baghdad amid fears of new attack

Iraq tells U.Ş. it has right to retaliate; nervous Iraqis fire at own plane

Combined agency dispatches the row over the cameras very

over Baghdad Tuesday when tions.
gunners, fearing the United
States was striking again after last warned Baghdad of unspecified weekend's air raid, mistakenly shot at an Iraqi plane. A local radio station said the

plane was misidentified as an American fighter. It was oot known if it was hit. When the other anti-aircraft

gunners beard the firing they joined in," said a spokesman at Dar Al Salam (House of Peace) radio, run by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's son Uday.

The incident followed a U.S. cruise missile attack on Iraq's intelligence headquarters Sunday in retaliation for an alleged plot to kill former President George Bush during his triumphal visit to

Knwait in April.

Mr. Bush commanded the U.S.-led alliance that drove Iraqi troops from Kuwait in February

Toesday's firing bighlighted the tension among Iraqis who, embit-tered by the deaths of at least eight civilians in the latest raid, fear the Americans might strike Baghdad again.
"Tell me when they are going

attack," one Iraqi begged a Westerner.

Official newspapers said the United States would attack again on the pretext of Iraq's refusal to let the United Nations install monitoring cameras at missile test

"There's no change" in Baghdad's position regarding the request made on June 4, according to Jaakko Ylitalo, representing the U.N. Special Commission (UNSCOM) on disarming Iraq. U.N. sources in Baghdad, however, say the Iraqis are taking

seriously and are evacuating ANTI-AIRCRAFT fire erupted equipment from strategic installa-

> serious consequences if it violates the Iraqi-Kuwaiti border recently demarcated by a U.N. commission. Iraq does not accept the commission's findings (See page

Wasbington has said the weekend raid sent a message to Iraq to stop sponsoring "terror-

Iraq has denied the plot but responded to the warning with tough talk, saying that striking U.S. interests was the only way to deter American "aggression" against Baghdad.

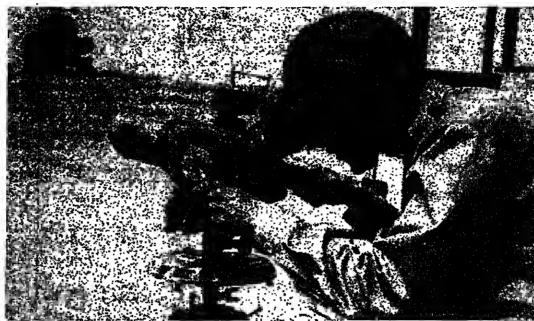
By virtue of their upbringing and nature, the Americans understand only the logic of force," Nonri Al Marsoumi, senior under-secretary in the Ministry of Culture and Information, said to an article about the

Mr. Marsonmi, writing in the Defence Ministry newspaper, said that if the missile attack went unpunished, Washington would be more likely to make further

Iraq said Tuesday it had warned the U.S. government of its right ot retaliate for Sunday's missile strike.

Iraq U.N. ambassador, Nizar Hamdoun, delivered a message to his U.S. counterpart Madeleine Albright saying that Iraq had the "complete right" to retaliate for "this unjustified attack" the Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported.

The message said the United States bore complete responsibility for the consequences of the crimes against the people in Iraq



An Iraqi soldier takes a sight during desert military exercises following Sunday's American missile strike on Baghdad (AFP photo)

and throughout the world, according to INA.

The attack against the Iraqi intelligence services headquarters violation of the United Nations Charter and a terrorist act aimed at terrifying the Iraqis and their leaders.,'

The agency also reported what it said was a U.S. message given by Ms. Albright to Mr. Ham-

The message said the United States, after a long investigation, was convinced that Iraq had organised and tried to assassinate Mr.

The U.S. message stressed that Washington considered the attempt as a direct attack which called for direct retaliation, according to INA.

It also warned Iraq against any action endangering American lives and interests or those of their allies in the world, INA

The Los Angeles Times said U.S. intelligence concluded that Saddam Hossein ordered the attempt to assassinate Mr. Bush. The Times quoted unidentified

senior government officials as saying the evidence of President Saddam's involvement was circomstantial but compelling. "It is inconceivable that an

operation like this, conducted by Iraqi intelligence, could have that we think has the main combeen done without Saddam Hussein ordering it," one senior official said.

A Clinton administration official, speaking on condition of anooymity, told the Associated Press on Monday night that the government had no specifie evidence that the plot was ordered by President Saddam himself.

But the official said U.S. analysts assumed that nothing of that nature could be launched in so tightly controlled a country without the president's approval.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher said an entire wing of . the walled Iraqi intelligence compound bad been destroyed in the S. raid.

puters in it, has the office of the head of the operation," Mr. Christopher said in an interview

(Continued on page 10)

Clinton says Iraq definitely behind plot; radar attacked

PRESIDENT CLINTON Tues- than at the highest levels."

Speaking just after Pentagoo Clinton was peppered with ques-reports of a U.S. plane firing on tions about Iraq. an Iraqi anti-aircraft installation, Mr. Clinton defended the if Saddam Hussein "persists in his when the former president visited stubborn refusal" to heed international law.

Mr. Clinton shrugged off a suggestioo that Tuesday's targeting of the U.S. plane by Iraqi radar was linked to Baghdad's vow to retaliate for the weekend missile strike.

The Pentagon said a U.S. F-4G wild Weasel immediately fired an anti-radar missile at the Iraqi installatioo.

'I wooldn't read too much into Mr. Clinton said.

The president said U.S. pilots in the region are authorised to fire at radar sites if they are targeted, and noted there had been several similar incidents since the end of the Gulf war. The last such incident was in April.

Mr. Clinton refused to say outright that the United States had evidence President Saddam directly ordered the assassination of Mr. Bush.

rised by the Iraqi government... The Iraqi statement repeated our analysts have no experience Baghdad's stand that the "no-fly

day said evidence clearly indi-cates the Iraqi government after a White House meeting with ordered the assassination attempt Argentine President Carlos Sanl against former President George Menem, who stood hy for much of the news conference as Mr.

Mr. Clinton said the possibility of weekend U.S. strike as the improved relations with Baghdad appropriate response to evidence were "very difficult to conceive" that Iraq tried to kill Mr. Bush

> "The best possible target was the target of the intelligence operation... where in all probability the operation was planned," Mr. Clinton said. He said the strike. using 23 Tomahawk cruise missiles, "sends the appropriate message given the facts of this case."

Iraq said meanwhile U.S. fighter planes attacked an unactivated anti-aircraft hattery io southern Iraq and a soldier was wounded in the raid.

"Two U.S. F-15 planes committed a cowardly act of aggression and provocation at 6:05 p.m. today," the foreign affairs ministry said in a statement.

It said the planes launched an air-to-surface missile from an eight-kilometre altitude against an anti-aircraft battery io Basra. wonnding a soldier.

"The battery was not opened. This unwarranted act of aggres-But be said: "We believe the sion offers new proof of the U.S. evidence clearly indicates that the policy of aggression against bombing operation was authorised by the Iraqi government... The Iraqi statement repeated

of such an operation of that mag-nitude being authorised other the Gulf war, was illegal.

U.S. urges negotiators to push 3 Israeli for progress in peace talks

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — accord that excludes Arah East high that, God forbid, they could turn on each other," he added. tiators in Middle East peace talks here Tuesday that it was urgent for them to make progress and warned that Washington could not make progress for them.

Edward Djerejian, assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern Affairs, said the United States remains fully involved in the tenth round of bilateral talks. The current round of negotiations, which end Thursday, have not so far rendered any results.

"We think it is very important to make progress now," he said, especially for the Israelis and Palestinians to reach an agreement on interim arrangements for self-government in the Israelioccupied territories.

Israel began a new session of talks with Syria, Lebanon and the Palestinians Tuesday.
Itamar Rabinovich, Israel's

chief negotiator with Syria, told reporters upon arriving at the State Department that his country would welcome any U.S. official who may visit the Middle East to advance the peace talks. U.S. officials have indicated that Dennis Ross, the special coordinator for the talks, was likely to visit the Middle East

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rahin has said no agreement is possible on self-rule for Palestinians if they insist on including Jerusalem in a deal.

"Listen, there is no point going further. If they demand Jerusalem, they can forget about the chances of an agreement," Mr. Rabin said in an interview published on Tuesday in the French newspaper Le Monde.

He reiterated that Jerusalem was "part of Israel" and could not be placed under Palestinian jurisdiction during a proposed fiveyear interim period of selfgovernment..

"The city is our capital, united under our sovereignty. There will be no compromise of any kind on this issue," said Mr. Rabin, who begins an official visit to France Wednesday.

Israel and the Palestinians have failed in 20 months of talks to reach an accord for self-rule in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Palestinians have ruled out any

Mr. Rabin indicated Jerusalem might be discussed in a second

stage, after three years of Palesti-

nian self-government.

"In the second stage of negotiations, those participating will be able to try and raise all the questions they want," he said. Mr. Rabin, who closed off the occupied territories from Israel three months ago after a spate of attacks on Israelis, said he would not restore the previous situation

tered Israel daily to work. He said 50,000 Palestioians were now allowed to work in Israel, and cutting the numbers had put an end to abuse from Israeli employers who used to hire Palestinians illegally.

He said he would not make any exception for occupied Jeru-

Palestinians again raised the question of the status of East Jerusalem, during Monday's

"Jerusalem is a key issue ---Israel is totally blocking any effort to bridge the gap," said the deputy chief of the Palestinian delegation, Saeb Erakat, as he left a meeting at the State De-

The Palestinian negotiator denounced Mr. Rabin's comment that he ruled out any compromise

Dr. Erakat said such statements were the gap between Israel and the Palestinians.

The question came up again later Monday as U.N. Secretary of State Warren Christopher met Palestinian delegation chief Faisal Husseioi, a Palestinian source

said (see page 2).

Mr. Husseini urged Mr. Christopher to press the Israelis on East Jerusalem, the source said. Israel's police minister said

Tuesday that giving Palestinians their own police force under autonomy could cut down on crime in the occupied territories, but failure to coordinate with Israel might spell disaster. "If this coordination fails or

falters along the way, we will find ourselves with two armed forces covering the same area," Moshe Shahal told a special police briefing for diplomats and journalists.

"And the danger will be very

To try to prevent that both sides need to limit the police force to the highest caliber men,

Mr. Shahal said, noting that Israel hoped to avoid vetting the men trained by the Palestinians. He said that one of the most difficult questions facing such a force was whether it could maintain contacts with its Israeli counterparts without being accused of

collaboration.

Mr. Shahal said it was still when 120,000 Palestinians enpremature to outline details about the force like its size or exactiv how the activities would be divided between Israel's army, police and the autonomy force. Syria meanwhile accused Israel of intransigence at Middle East peace talks and said hopes for progress in the 10th round had

Official Syriao oewspapers urged the United States to put pressure on Israel to make concessions.

"Incidents witnessed in the world now confirm the American long arm is able, when it wants. to tame anyone it considers an outlaw," said Al Baath, the newspaper of the ruling Baath Party, indirectly referring to the U.S.

missile attack on Iraq.
"Uotil wheo will the U.S. continue to forgive its Israeli child,' it asked.

The newspaper said "all hopes for any progress in the 10th round of Arab-Israeli peace talks going oow in Washington had collapsed due to the Israeli intransigent position."

Another official daily, the Syria Times, said: "Moving forward on the road of peace needs and means pressure on the Jewisb It said the United States had

given "Israeli expansionist ambitions bigher priority than Arab willingness for peace."

Peres to visit Egypt

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres will visit Egypt in the next few days to discuss ways of pushing the Middle East peace process forward, an Egyptian foreign ministry source said Tues-

He said the exact date of the visit had not yet been fixed.

soldiers wounded

TEL AVIV (Agencies) - A'bomb exploded wounding two Israeli soldiers at dawn Tuesday in northern Israel while a third soldier was shot accidentally by colleagues in the occupied Gaza

out a search. In Damascus, the Democratic

The group said in a statement it would "continue the armed fight against the Israeli enemy in the

occupied territories." Meanwhile a soldier on foot patrol was wounded hy another army patrol io Nusseirat camp on

Ao investigation into the shooting was underway after 'wroog orders" had been issued to the two patrols from the same

Strip, military sources said.

The two soldiers were lightly hurt when their jeep drove over the device close to the "green line" border with the West Bank. The army imposed a curfew on the area, including the Arah village of Araboune, and carried

Froot for the Liberation of Palestine claimed responsibility for the

Mooday might, the military sources said.

Sudan denies link with bomb plots denied Tuesday that his government had any liok with five

Sudanese arrested in the United States last week for plotting bombings and assassinations of world leaders. "All we know about the case is what we heard on the media. Uotil now the American aothor-

ities have not officially informed us about this operation, its details, the names of people charged," Lieotenant Geoeral Bashir told reporters. He was in Cairo to attend an Organisation of African Unity (OAU) summit. "The names (given) are not known to us. The sketches are

not known to us and to our

The Sudanese were among eight suspects arrested in New York last Thursday. Police said five were caught as they mixed

chemicals to make a homh. They were charged with plotting to bomh the United Nations headquarters and planoiog to assassinate politicians including Egyptian President Hosni Mubar-ak and U.N. Secretary-General

Boutros Ghali. "We dooh! that the men arrested are of Sudanese origin hut they may have obtained Sudanese passports from a cer-

Gen. Bashir said. An American television network reported last week that two Sudanese at Khartoum's Uoited Nations mission in New York were suspected of links with the arrested people.

ary ideas or supporting Muslim militants in Egypt, saying a wave of violence in Egypt was an internal affair. "We confirm a second and third time that we have nothing to do with the developments taking place in Egypt. We are ready to sit and talk frankly with the Egyp-

tian side and let everyone say all

he wants to clear the atmosphere

was exporting Islamic revolution-

various specialised networks," he and mend fences in relations," Gen. Bashir said. He said Khartoum was not training Egyptian militants, arguing that Egyptians learned all the skills they occded during their

compulsory military service. "The accosations against Sudan are part of the campaign to disfigure the image of Sudan. We are not exporting the revolutioo either to Egypt or to any other place," Gen. Bashir added.
The Sudanese head of state

said Palestinian leader Yasser

Arafat was trying to broker a

CAIRO (Agencies) — Sudanese tain party. This is a campaign to leader Omar Hassan Al Bashir tarnish the image of Sudan," Mr. Mobarak. He said he hoped to meet Mr. Mubarak during the summit to discuss all outstanding issues, including a dispute over the Halaib triangle on the desert border between Sudan and Egypt

Suspect denied bail

(see page 2).

Gen. Bashir denied his coootry A Sudanese national suspected in a planned wave of New York bomh attacks was ordered held without bail Monday hy a U.S. magistrate.

Prosecutors said Fadil Abdul Ghani, 31, was videotaped mixing chemicals for bombs to be used in a series of attacks on the United Nations, the huilding housing the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) in New York and two highway tunnels under the Hudson River.

"The nature and circumstances of (Abdul Ghani's) offense could not he more egregious," said Assistant U.S. Attroney Andrew McCarthy.

Magistrate James Francis ordered Mr. Abdul Ghani, a New York cah driver, beld without

a naturalised U.S. citizen in 1991 after marrying an American, was the first of the eight Muslim fundamentalists to appear for a reconciliation between him and bail hearing.

U.N. death toll in Somalia 31 in 25 days

MOGADISHU (Agencies) — The U.N. death toll in the current cycle of violence in Somalia rose to 31 Tuesday when a second Pakistani peacekeeper was re-ported killed in a raid on a

suspected ammuninoo dump. Hospital sources said at least 80 Somalis have died in street riots and shootouts since gunmen killed 24 Pakistani soldiers on June 5 in an ambush that led to air strikes on warlord Mohammad Farah Aideed and constant attacks on the U.N.

Anti-U.N. leaflets put the number of Somali dead at more than 400. That figure could not be confirmed.

"This isn't going to end until the U.N. stands np and gets tough with these people. The gunmen are bolding up the whole process of rebuilding this country," said Somali businesswoman Nasra Wehelie.

The latest U.N. casualties were inflicted when Pakistani U.N.

troops attempted to search a suspected ammunitions cache on Monday owned hy Osman Atto, financier and adviser to Aideed. U.N. sources said the body of a second Pakistani killed in the raid

was delivered to a hospital io Mogadishti overnight. Residents said they had seen a Pakistani corpse, stripped of its uniform. lying in the road where the attack Twenty-seven Pakistanis and

four Moroccan soldiers have been killed over the past 25 days. The United Nations said at

least two Somali gunmen were killed and several wounded when U.N. Cobra attack belicopters went to the-rescue of Pakistanis under fire from rifles, machine guns and rocket-propelled gre-

Witnesses said one Somali woman was killed by shrapnel that hit her in the head. U.N. spokesman Major David the troops had succeeded in searching Mr. Atto's compound and left open the possibility that U.N. forces would make another attempt to search it as part of a killings of Pakistanis. cootinued crackdown.

Aideed appeals to OAU

Gen. Aideed has urged African leaders in Cairo for the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) summit to demand an end to U.N. strikes against him.

obtained by AFP on Tuesday. Gen. Aideed accused the United Nations of endangering the lives of Somali civilians. "To arbitrarily wage war in

In a letter to the summit

Africa in the name of peace, with no reference even to the OAU, surely this can neither be tolerated nor allowed to become the

pattern," the letter said. It urged the OAU summit "to use its good offices to balt the Siad Barre was toppled.

Stockwell said he did not know if escalation of violence and will take steps to rule out any chance of its repetition." The U.N. has ordered Gen.

Aideed arrest for the June 5 The warlord's followers vowed to kill 1,500 Americans after U.S.-led strikes against the war-

lord's headquarters. In bis open letter to the summit, Gen. Aideed complained that the world press had duhbed him a warford, which he said was "a term from Chinese history of

The three-page letter recalled the role of Gen. Aideed, a former ambassador to India, in the 1991 overthrow of dictator Mohan:mad Stad Barre.

no relevance to Africa."

It said Gen. Aideed had worked for "peace, liberty and prosperity" in Somalia, without a government and plagued by clarfighting and famine since Mr.

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China denies selling weapons to Mideast

BELIING (Agencies) — China dismissed as "sheer fabricadon" Tuesday U.S. allegations of continued arms sales to Pakistan, Syria and Iran in violation of a pledge made in 1991, Xinhua news agency reported.

Since late 1992, repeated reports have surfaced of sales of M-11 missiles to Pakistan despite China's promise one year earlier to the then-U.S. Secretary of State James Baker to abide by the Missile Technology Cantrol Regime (MTCR).

M-9 missiles are also suspected 10 have been sold to other sensitive countries like Syria and Iran.

This is sheer fabrication. China has long undertaken to abide by the guidelines and parameters of MTCR. This position of China's remains unchanged," the official agency quoted a Foreign Ministry spokesman as saying of

The MTC restricts sales of missiles with a range of more than 300 kilometres and a payload capacity of more than 400 kilog-

The Chinese M-11 is a long-range, surface-to-surface missile with a range of 1,000 kilometres and an 800-kilogramme payload

In late 1992, U.S. intelligence determined that China was openly selling missiles to Paksitan to take full advantage of the closing months of George Bush's administration, in the belief that the incoming Clinton administration would be less forgiving.

In May, the New York Times quoted unnamed U.S. officials as saying satellite photos of the Pakistani port Karachi showed Chinese shipments of M-II missiles were condnuing. The United States is concerned the missile

could be used to carry several nuclear bombs that Pakistan is believed to bave developed.

No result in Isreali effort

Israel has gained no result in its effort to dissuade communist North Korea from selling medium-range missiles to Iran. South Korean officials said in Seoul Tuesday.

Quoting Israel's explanation of the twn side's meeting in Beijing last Friday, the officials said North Korea's delegation denied selling missiles to Iran, and instead asked Israel to buy one of its gald mines for \$1 billion.

The two sides parted without setting a date for further talks, said the officials, speaking on condition of anonymity.

North Korea was reported to have made the same request about the gold mine last October, when Eytan Bentsur, a deputy director-general in Israel's foreign minstry, visited Pyongyang.

North Korea makes a mediumrange missile called Rodong-I, or Scud-D, with a range of 1,000 kilometres. The missile can reach Israel from western Iran, and western Japan from North Korea.

Despite its denial, economically troubled North Korea has been reported earning an estimated \$1 billion a year from missile sales to

South Korean officials said Israel may hold further talks with North Korea, although no date bas been set, Israel and North Korea bave no formal diplomatic

Israel has repeatedly warned that Iran's military build-up threatens not only Israel's security but also Western interests.

Analysts doubt missile attack will stop Iraqi intelligence activities

By Robert Burns The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The U.S. missile strike against Iraq may temporarily disrupt the Iraqi intelligeuce network but almost certainly will not stop it from using it for its purposes, U.S.

"It would no) have seriously inhibited." Iraq's intelligence capability, said Anthony Cordesman, a leading specialist in Iraqi and Middle Eastern military

Mr. Cordesman and other analysts said Iraq's intelligence network is pervasive, with many of roughly half a dozen intelligence services performing similar - sometimes overlapping -

functions. The compound that the U.S. missiles attacked contains the headquarters building of what the Defence Department calls the Iraqi intelligence service, or IIS, it is the largest of Iraq's intelligence agencies.

Michael Eisenstadt, a specialist in Iraqi military affairs at the Washington Institute for Near East policy, said the IIS is Iraq's main organiser and executor of "foreign operations."

He said it also has an internal security role shared by other organisations, including a military intelligence agency and a general security agency.

Mr. Eisenstadt and others took issue with President Clinton's statement Monday that the U.S. attack, in which 16 Tomahawks struck their targets inside the walled headquarters compound in downtown Baghdad, was a

crippling blow. Mr. Clinton told reporters that a report from his national security advisers confirmed that "we did

in fact cripple the Iraqi intelligence capacity."

Mr. Eisenstadt said he believed that Mr. Clinton had exaggerated the effect of the attack, which was retaliation for what Clinton described as compelling evidence that Iraq was behind a foiled plot to assassinate former President George Bush in Kuwait.

Pentagon officials said Sunday that the missiles had inflicted heavy damage on the "leadership wing" of the IIS headquarters building — the area occupied by the top intelligence officials, none of whom apparently was present at the ome.

The missiles also struck nearby buildings housing the IIS communications and computer operations, and a conference centre,

Pentagon officials said. David Kay, who headed a United Nations special commission that inspected Iraq's nuclear programme after the Gulf war, said Monday the only way to seriously damage Iraq is to get rid of the intelligence leaders.

"I don't think you cripple any Iraqi operation if you just hit a building when people aren't there," he said. "The strength of any intelligence operation isn't a building, it's in the people" who

The IIS had a strong hand in Iraq's elaborate system for purchasing materials and components ahroad for its secret programme to develop nuclear weapons, Mr. Kay and others

Defence Secretary Les Aspin Saturday said IIS had responsibility for investigating and acting against suspected dissidents inside Iraq. He said it is the primary agency responsible for attacks

Christopher holds talks with Husseini

WASHINGTON (R) — With the Jordan, Lebanon and Syria. latest round of Middle East peace In a related development, latest round of Middle East peace talks beginning to wind down. Secretary of States Warren Christopher met Palestinian leader Faisal Hosseini Monday in an effort to move the peace process forward.

The meeting between Mr. Christopher and Mr. Husseini, overall bead of the Palestinian delegation, took place as Palestinians and Israelis began the last week of the 10th round of talks unable to bridge their differences on how to hammer out a joint declaration of principles.
"They met alone and discussed

a range of issues from (Israeli) human rights violations to the subject of Jerusalem," a Palestinian close to the team told Reu-U.S. officials confirmed Mr.

Christopher bad met Mr. Hus-

seini but refused to elaborate on

the 30-minute meeding at the State Department. The 10th round of talks, which began June 15, is scheduled to end on Thursday. The talks were inaugurated in late 1991 at an international conference in Mad-

In addition to the Palestinians. Israel is also negotiating with

U.S. officials strongly hinted Monday that Dennis Ross, the recently appointed special coordinator for the talks, would travel to the Middle East in the near future to gauge the possibility of "taking decisions" that would

move the peace process forward. One official said Mr. Ross's trip was not imminent in that Mr. Ross has not yet "bought a ticket and got his visas.

But when asked if Mr. Christopher was likely to visit the Middle East only after Mr. Ross has determined what possibilities for progress existed, the official said facetionsly: "Does someone think that, based on what I said."

Mr. Christopher visited the Middle East last February in a bid to restart the talks, which were suspended after Israel forced more than 400 Palesonians from the occupied territoires to

Lebanese two months earlier. The secretary last week said he was personally following up the negotiations in line with bis promise that Washington would play the role of "full partner" in

so far failed to make any headway on their common objective of completing a joint declaration of principles outlining future powers and jurisdiction of a future Palestinian authority in the occupied territories.

The two sides are negotiating a five-year interim period of selfrule for the two million Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

But both sides have been deadlocked on whether Arab East Jerusalem, occupied by Israel in the 1967 Middle East war, would be part of a future Palestinian Israel refuses to discuss the

future of East Jerusalem at this time while Palestinians rule out any agreement that does not include the city.

Palestinians and Israelis have been expecting the United States to offer a bridging proposal some-ome this week.

But State Department spokesman Mike McCurry, asked whether the United States intends to present written proposals this week, said; "I wouldn't categorically rule it out, but I don't ... re talks.

Palestinians and Israelis have want to suggest that there's one imminent or forthcoming either."

Dine forced to quit as AIPAC head

The Jerusalem Post

TOM Dine, the man who built Israel's lobby in the U.S. into a political powerhouse over the last 13 years, has been forced to resign because of offensive remarks he made about haredim in a recently published book, sources say.

Dine, executive director of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), was reportedly asked to resign by president Steven Grossman on Friday, after consultations with the organisation's board. While the remarks about haredim precipitated Dine's departure, sources said there were other contribut-

Grossman, however, insisted the decision to step down was Dine's. "Tom has always put his own interests behind those of the U.S.-Israeli relationship and the organisation," he said. "Tom felt his own effectiveness bas been under cut by the publication of the book. After great soul-searching, be made the decision. He has served this organisation with great distinction. He has left a great legacy for us to build on

Sudan urges

CAIRO (AP) - Sudan's military

ruler Tuesday urged Egypt to withdraw its soldiers from a dis-

puted border area and to negoti-

ate the crisis which has severely

reporters that although be be-

lieved Halaib belonged to Sudan, he was willing to discuss it with

President Hosni Mubarak. He said Palestine Liberation Organi-

saouson (PLO) Chairman Yasser

Arafat was trying to arrange a

Halaib is a triangular border

area overlooking the Red Sea that is claimed by both countries.

The decades old dispute was re-

vived two years ago. It has

worsened relations already

strained by Egypt's charge that

Sudan finances and trains Muslim

extremists who are then exported

to Egypt and other ARab coun-

convinced that Halaih is

Sudanese, we have accepted to negotiate," said Lieutenant-General Bashir, who is in Cairo

attending a summit meeting of

He urged Mr. Mubarak to

withdraw troops in the area.

African leaders.

"Although we are 100 per cent

meeting between them.

Omar Hassan Al Bashir told

strained bilateral relations.

Egypt to

withdraw

troops

after 13 years."
In Power and Piety: The World of Jewish Fundamentalism, by David Landan, a former managing editor of The Jerusalem Post, Dine was quoted as saying, "I don't think mainstream Jews feel very comfortable with the ultra-Orthodox. It's a class thing, I

Their image is smelly. That's what I'd say now that you've got me thinking about it. Hasids and diamond dealers. United Jewisb Appeal people bave told me several omes they don't want to fly El Al because of "those people." Actually, I prefer Swissair or Lufthansa myself. But I fly El Al to Israel because it's direct. Yes, TWA flies direct, too. But it's low-class, like the Orthodox. "Yes, that's soil the image.

Still the poor immigrant image. "That's the perception of a lot of

people I mix with." In bis letter of resignation, submitted last night and obtained by the Post, Dine wrote: "In recent days, unfortunately, a controversy has arisen, which, be-cause of its misleading nature, is a source of deep pain for me. Four years ago an Israeli reporter, in director.

researching a book on Jewish fundamentalism, asked me a question regarding American Jewish stereotypical descriptions about ultra-Orthodox Jews. In answering, I characterised in an off-hand way what some elements of the community actually think. In no way did I mean those words to he interpreted as my beliefs. On the contrary, my entire per-sonal and professional life has been devoted to the interest of the Jewish people without distinc-

Contacted last night, Landau would only say, "I stand by what I wrote in my book." Dine yesterday said he had no immedia)e plans,

Dine's resignation is the latest incident to rock AIPAC over the last year. Its last president, David Steiner, was forced to resign after his boasting about AIPAC's clout in electing the next secretary of state was taped. Upon Labour's assumption of power, there were complaints that the organisation was too close to the Likud.

Grossman said Dine's deputy Howard Kohr will serve as acting

PKK denies involvement in Antalya grenade attacks

HAMBURG (Agencies) - The separatist Kurdish Labour Party (PKK) denied Tuesday all involvement in a triple grenade attack in southern Turkey which left 26 injured, including 12 foreign tourists.

The PKK's spokesman in Europe, Ali Sapan, made the denial here on German television channel ARD hours after the party's political arm called on Chancellor Helmut Kohl not to ban it in Germany.

Speaking after the three grenade explosions rocked the southern Turkish coastal town of Antalya Sunday, Mr. Sapan told ARD that he was sure the PKK. which is outlawed in Turkey and which police there blamed for the blasts, would not cause civilian casualties.

But the party would continue its armed struggle in Kurdistan and could target tourist areas, he warned.

The Kurd-Ha news agency, a virtual mouthpiece for the PKK, earlier made poblic in Duessel-dorf a letter to Mr. Kohl from the Kurdistan National Liberation Front (ERNK) - the PKK's political arm - warning that a ban in Germany would be a

"mistake." The call coincided with a special meeong in Cologne of regional officers from the Office for Protection of the Constitution the domestic intelligence agency

- to decide whether to recommend a ban on the PKK, whose members mounted concerted attacks on Turkish interests in

Europe last week. ERNK said the PKK bad no choice but to stage "protest actions" in other countries.

"What is the alternative for the Kurdish people, whose language, culture and national rights are denied them and whose very existence is under threat?" the FRNK asked. It added: "You speak up for

minorities, sometimes of only 30,000 people and support inde-pendence and freedom for them. Why do you keep silent over the just and legitimate struggle of 40 million Kurdish people? On June 8 PKK leader Abdul-

lah Ocalan ended a unilateral ceasefire implemented by his party in March and pledged to "transfer the war to the ciries and tourist areas" of Turkey. The threat was reiterated in a

statement distributed in Athens on June 24 that coincided with the attacks against Turkish facilities in 30 European cities. Hostages were taken in

Marseilles and Munich while a demonstrator was shot and killed outside the Turkish embassy in

Kurdish guerrillas stepped up their bloody summer offensive Monday, targeting tourists with an attack on a passenger train

NEWS IN BRIEF

Egyptlan spied for girlfriend

ageuts of the Mossad spy agency through Israeli Gulbuddin Hekmatyar in his rivalry with President embassies in Cyprus and Turkey, where Egypt Burhanuddin Rabbani, denies the charge. spy has been held for nearly 60 days, and under Egyptian law the prosecution must go to court in the next few days to ask for his renewed detention.

Mr. Abdul Nasser has not been indicted yet but investigators are questioning him for spying for Israel in exchange for money and expensive gifts.

U.S. concern over prisoner in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The State Department expressed concern Monday about the condition of an imprisoned American following Saturday's cruise missile attack on Iraq's intelligence headquarters. Kenneth Beaty, a worker with the Kuwait-Santa Fe Oil Company, was sentenced to kuwait-Santa Fe Oil Company, was sentenced to eight years in prison on charges of illegally entering Iraqi territory in May. "He is the source of great concern on the part of the United States government," department spokesman Mike McCurry said. U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Madeleine Albright expressed Washington's concern about Mr. Beaty in a discussion with Iraci. U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Madeleine Albright expressed Washington's concern about Mr. Beaty in a discussion with Iraqi U.N. envoy Nizar Hamdoun on Saturday, the day of the U.S. attack, the spokesman said. The spokesman said he was unaware of the Iraqi ambassador's response.

Diplomats visit Britons in Iraq

BAGHDAD (AFP) — Two British diplomats visiting Iraq met Monday with three Britons imprisoned here for baving illegally entered the country, one of the diplomats said. "We did visit this morning the prisoners," Mark Legoy, who works for the British embassy in Amman, told AFP, but declined to give details. He was accom-panied by Stephen Hoiwarth, in charge of consular affairs at the Foreign Office. They visited Abu Ghraib prison, 20 kilometres west of Baghdad, where Paul Ride, Michael Wainright and Simon Dunn are being held. He said he and Mr. Howarth did not expect to meet Iraqi officials but would not rule out such an encounter. They will probably meet the prisoners a second time before their planned departure on Thursday.

Britain wanted Nadir 'kidnapped"

LONDON (R) — The president of northern Cyprus, Rauf Denktash, said Monday British authorities wanted his police to "kidnap" Asil Nadir so that the fugiove tycoon could stand trial en and maud charges. Mr. Denktash told th British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) he had been asked to order his police to seize Mr. Nadir and band him over to British soldiers at the border between the self-proclaimed Turkish-Cypriot state an dthe rest of the partitioned island. "They said hand him over to us at the British bases... we shall immediately fly him to England," Mr. Denktasb said in an interview from northern Cyprus, where Mr. Nadir fled last month after jumping bail in Britain over charges arising from the collapse of his Polly Pech conglomerate. "I said this is asking to kidnap him, he said I didn't use the words. I said it doesn't matter about the words this is its meaning. And he said not really." The identity of the official concerned was not clear. A spokesman for the foreign office said he had not seen the past few days." interview and had no information about any discussions between London and northern Cyprus about Mr. Nadir's return. He said the Foreign Office would look into the matter.

Cyprus buys historicai documents

destroyed in a fire during the 1974 Turkish na Foa, who called Bardere "a symbol of every-invasion of the island, auctioneers Sotheby's said. thing horrible in Somalia." The situation in Barconquest of the island by Turkey in 1571, accord- wan to," she told a news briefing. Farming had ing to Patroklos Stavrou, under-secretary to the resumed and schools were back in operation. president of the Republic of Cyprus, who made However, the United Nations High Commissioner the purchase on his government's behalf. Mr. for Refugees said no refugees would be sent to the Stavrou said that the purchase is part of an effort capital Mogadishu or to the town of Kismayu by the Cypriot government to complete thier hecause of security fears. In all, 330,000 Somalis historical archives. Also in the collection, for are estimated to have fled war and drought for which Mr. Stavrou paid £6,394 (\$9,550), were kenya. Some 10,000 Somali refugees out of three letters written by Archbishop Kyprianos, 150,000 registered with the agency have already banged by the Turks in 1821. Sotheby's did not left Kenya under a voluntary repatriation prog-name the seller. name the seller.

Kabul holds 'food polsoners'

CAIRO (AP) — An Egyptian arrested for alleged- ISLAMABAD (R) — Afghan security bave ly spying for Israel for six years told investigators he did it so be could afford his foreign girlfriend's expensive demands, a court official said Tuesday.

The Empire and identification of the past two demands are steed eight people on charges of injecting arrested eight people on charges of injecting poison into food in a market place, the official poison into food in a market place, the official expensive demands, a court official said Tuesday. The Egyptian was identified as Gamal Abdul suspects were arrested in the past two days from Nasser, 40, who worked as a sailor and lived in the two Kabul districts while injecting poison into fruit Mediterranean port of Alexandria, said the court official who declined to be identified by name. Mr. Abdul Nasser told investigators that he needed the money for his girlfriend who lived in Cyprus. Her lims to create panic, the radio said. Kabul's official mane and nationality were not available. He defended his radionality were not available. defended his actions by saying the information be recent weeks and blamed it for most of the rocket gave Israel was common knowledge and did not and artillery attacks on Kabul's residential areas. The Wahdat, an ally of bardline Prime Minister harms of the Vandat, and artillery attacks on Kabul's residential areas.

Cyprus may free Arab-British

NICOSIA (AFP) - The Cyprus general prosecutor will shortly review the sentences of two Araba and a Briton serving life terms for killing three Israelis in 1985 and may order their release, a spokesman said Monday. The trio, Khaled Abdul Kader Al Khatib and Abdul Hakim Khalifa, both Kader Al Khatib and Abdul Davison have been applied to the control of the contro Palestinians, and Ian Michael Davison bave become detained since 1985. Government spokesman Yan-nakis Cassoulides said Cypriot authorities had initially planned to free the three next September or October after granting them a presidental pardon for "good conduct" in prison. But in the meantime, the supreme court outlawed automatic reductions on grounds of good conduct for life sentences. It said life terms could not be reduced unless the general prosecutor recommended it and the president gave his approval.

Cypriot denies financing Labour

NICOSIA (AFP) - A Greek-Cypriot millionaire who fled British fraud inspectors has denied a newspaper report that he contributed stolen funds to the Labour Party. Clothing manufacturer Cha-ilaos Costa, quoted Tuesday by the daily Cypis Mail, dismissed the report as "insulting" and aimed at diverting attention from fugitive Turkish-Cypriot businessman Asil Nadir. The Independent on Sunday newspaper has accused Labour under its former leader Neil Kinnock of accepting £300,000 (\$450,000) it alleged that Mr. Costa "stole" from his company. Mr. Costa fled to Nicosia in 1991 to escape British fraud inspectors, with £10 million (\$15,000 million) allegedlyu missing from the company. Mr. Nadir, who fled in May 10 breakaway northern Cyprus, contributed £440,000 (\$660,000) to the Conservative Party donations the Labour opposition claims helped to secure him valuable offshore tax status. Labour has been hammering at the government to return the money, claiming it was tainted because it came from some £30 million (\$45 million) allegedly embezzled from Mr. Nadir's failed company.

1 executed in Syria

DAMASCUS (AP) — A 30-year-old man who drugged and electrocuted his father has been reported Tuesday. The Arabic-language Tishrin daily said Atta Bajar killed his 60-year-old father with the help of his two brothers, who were given unspecified prison sentences as accomplices. The paper said the three brothers drugged their fatilities with sleeping pills before running household elec-trical current through his body. It said the crime was reported to the police by "an informant." Upon questioning, the brothers pleaded guilty to the crime, the newspaper said. It quoted Bajar's brothers as saying their father was ill-tempered and had long mistreated their mother. The paper said Bajar was hanged at the town of Idleb, 275 kilometres north of Damascus. The paper gave no date for the execution. It said it took place "in the

U.N. to repatriate Somalis

GENEVA (R) — The United Nations said Tuesday it would repatriate Somali refugees in Kenya to the onetime famine-death town of Bardere where farming has now resumed. At the height of LONDON (AP) — The government of Cyprus has the famine, up to 100 civilians were dying a day in bought copies of important historical documents the southwestern town, said spokeswoman Sylventers. Among the documents was a book detailing the dere "is now such that people can go home and

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Cabinet approves publication of 2 new dailies, 3 magazines

AMMAN (Petra) - The Cabinet diplomatic relations with Bosnia-Tuesday approved the publica- Herzegovina at the ambassadotion of two new Arabic dailies; rial level. Jordan's ambassador to Akhbar Al Yom and Akher Khabar, which will be published in Amman. It also approved the to the former Yugoslav republic, publication of two weekly maga. zines: a political review entitled Al Bilad; and a political and sultural periodical called Al

The Cabinet also approved the publication of women's and family affairs magazine, which will be published every week and called Al Bait Al Árabi (The Arab

Austria will serve as the Kingdom's non-resident ambassador according to a Cabinet statement.

The Council of Ministers was briefed on public health measures taken by Ministry of Interior during summer to prevent the spread of diseases.

Jordan's participation in the 50th, conference of Arab countries supervising Palestiniao affairs due to open in Cairo on July 26 was also approved. The The Council of Ministers delegation to the meeting will be approved the establishment of led by Adel Irsheid, head of the

Foreign Ministry's Palestinian Affairs Department.

The Cabinet announced that Jordan will take part in the second meeting of an Arab standing committee on postal affairs in Cairo, between September 14 and 16. Abdullah Al Jazi, the Ministry of Post and Communications Secretary General, will represent the Kingdom at the Cairo

Earlier Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali briefed the Cabinet on the outcome of His Majesty King Hussein's visits to the United Kingdom and the United States and the talks he held with U.S. officials.



University of Jordan President Fawzi Gharaibeh Tuesday opens a two-day workshop on the con-

Mediterranean zone experts review conservation of area's nature

AMMAN (J.T.) Environmental in the Mediterracean region to issues are being given priority in Jordan since they are directly linked to scientific, economic and humanitarian endeavours, said University of Jordan President Fawzi Gharaibeh Tuesday.

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In opening a regional workshop on the conservation of nature in the Mediterranean zone, Dr. Gharaibeb called on various governmental organisations with-

increase their cooperation in protecting the environment.

Attending the two-day workshop, organised in cooperation with the Mediterranean Sea University of Brussels and the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Jordan, are 15 city planning and organisation specialists from Italy, Spain, France and Algeria, in addition to Jordan.

Engineering Faculty Dean Isam Zabalawi outlined the faculty's development and its cooperation with universities in Belgium, Algeria and Italy in scientific research related to architecture and engineering. The workshop, he told the meeting, was called to help promote the exchange of expertise on ways to protect tourist and archaeological sites, as well as mineral and water resources in the Kingdom.

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dents, the fourth session discus-

sed procedures adopted in eva-

luating students' performance, and the fifth covered matters

related to those supervising the

Educatioo Minister Khaled Al

Omari, who opened the three-

day seminar Monday praised QOU as a manifestation of the

distance learning process.

Distance learning programme to expand

'AMMAN (J.T.) - The success Salah. of the distance learning program-(QOU) has prompted the university to open new branches in a. Arab countries announced QOU resident Munther Salah Tues-

... Addressing the second day of a seminar to discuss the university's activities and expansion. Dr. Salab said that after opening pranches in the Arab region QOU plans to open other branches in Britain and the United States to benefit the Arab com-

munities there. Although its services are currently offered to 4,000 mainly Palestinian students. QOU is a university for all Arabs, said Dr.

Addressing the first of five of educational materials for stusuccessive sessions held Tuesday at the QOU premises in Amman, Dr. Salah reviewed the various stages of the university's development and highlighted that highly qualified and experienced teachers provide Palestinian and other Arab students with proper

QOU was established to pro-vide higher education to Palestinian students under Israeli

Tuesday's second session dealt with QOU academic programmes and their application in the

Israeli-held Arab lands. The third session focused on a

Palestinian people's determination to acquire education while undertaking the struggle for liberation.

The seminar was organised by QOU in cooperation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation

mittee to overcome current finan-

cial difficulties, Mr. Masarweh

The director explained that the

activities are being held in sites

because the Amman-Jerash bigb-

way is still under construction,

making travel for some to Jerash

The festival will continue from

July 14 to 30.

12th Jerash Festival to add new local theatre to bill

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Arabic music, dance an poetry top the bill at this year's Jerash Festival, with the added attraction of one of Jordan's own political satire theatre groups. The festival of culture and arts. due to open July 14, will be held at two sites: in the Greco-Roman

city of Jerash and at the Royal Cultural Centre (RCC) in Am-Poets, singers and other performers from Tunisia, Yemen, Egypt, Iraq. Algeria, Lebanon, Bahrain, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Syria

said festival Director Akram Masarweh.

In addressing a press conference Tuesday, Mr. Masarweh, predicted that this 12th festival will be unique and impressive as new local elements have been added, including the Nabil and Hisham Theatre Troupe who will present political satires for adults and other plays for children.
Other local performances will
be presented by the Royal Cultu-

ral Centre's Ballet Troupe and a host of folk dancers and signers. The first day of the festival will be dedicated to Jordanian tradi-

This is the second year in which local organisations are belping to finance part of the festival in a bid

tions, said Mr. Masarweh.

and the province.

The services of a professional industrial coordinator are needed for about 12 months to assist the Industrial Engineering Department/University of Jordan to implemeni an outreach programme, prepare and conduct seminars, workshops, identify opportunities for joint research projects in industry for faculty and staff in industry,

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, holding an M.Sc. or higher engineering degree, preferably in Industrial Engineering, seven years of U.S. industrial experience, and have held responsible positions in industry or industrial consulting. Applicants must also have excellent writing skills. Knowledge of Arabic is desirable.

Interested candidates, who believe they have the required qualifications, may apply in writing by submitting a C.V.

U.S.A.I.D. American Embassy

Applications must be received by July 15, 1993.

Official urges halt to well

KARAK (Petra) — A senior official at the Ministry of Water and Irrigation recently urged the government to stop issuing licences to drill artesian wells for agricultural projects, adding that everything possible should be done to protect the limited water resources in the Kingdom.

licences

There are at present 2,028 wells that are being utilised by farmers and organisations mainly for agricultural as well as drinking purposes; any more such wells would affect the meagre resources underground, said Adnan

Addressing a seminar orga-nised bere by the Jordanian Society for the Prevention of Environmental Pollution (JSPEP), Mr. Zoubi urged the public to ration water consumption because the country faces continual shortage of underground and surface water. He said recycling treated wastewater would be a useful technique for irrigation.

According to 1991 estimates, Jordan annually consumes 833 million cubic metres of water for irrigation, industrial and domestic purposes, said Mr. Zoubi.

The consumption, he said, increases continually with the rise in population, the expansion of economic projects and higher standards of living.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Parliamentary team to head for Sudan

AMMAN (Petra) - A Jordanian parliamentary delegation headed by Lower House of Parliament Speaker Abdul Latif Arabiyat will leave for Khartoum Saturday. The delegation will include deputies Abdul Raouf Al Rawabdeh, Mohammad Al Alawneh, Mohammad Al Azaideh, Senator Khaled Al Tarawneb in addition to Khalaf Al Humeisat from the Parliament's General Secretarial.

Car exhaust fumes to be checked

AMMAN (Petra) — The Traffic Department will start a campaign aimed at examining car exhaust fumes which pollute the environment, department sources said Tuesday.

Services societies to go up in Karak area

KARAK (Petra) - Minister of Social Development Mohammad Al Sqour Tuesday approved the establishment of two societies in Al Ma'mouniya and Umm Hamat areas in Karak governorate. The two societies will offer services to children and women via clubs, kindergartens, nurseries, public parks, libraries and vocational training centres.

Cyprus to sign tourism agreement

AMMAN (Petra) - The Secretary General of the Cypriot Ministry of Tourism will arrive io Amman today (Wednesday) on a several-day visit to Jordan. The Cypriot official, who will be accompanied by a related delegation, will sign an agreement on tourism cooperation between Jordan and Cyprus.

Australian industry official to visit

AMMAN (Petra) - The Minister of Basic Industries in the province of Western Australia will arrive in Jordan July 8 on a several-day visit during which he, will hold talks with senior Jordanian officials on ways of enhancing cooperation between Jordan

National strategy for women adopted

By Sa'eda Kilani Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - A national strategy for women in Jordan that calls for up-grading women's status by raising public awareness and amending laws inconsistent with women's rights was adopted at a conference Tuesday.

The strategy, which was the fruit of one year of arduous work, meetings and seminars in different parts of the Kingdom, is considered a guideline for the advancement of women in Jordan and will be the document presented by the Jordanian delegation to the 1995 International Women's Conference in Peking.

Drafted by the National Committee for Western Affairs the dominant of the Peking.

tee for Women's Affairs, the docu-ment is based upon consensus among the different sectors, authorities and individuals reached at several previous meetings and seminars.

The conference, chaired by Her

Royal Highness Princess Basma and anended by representatives of diffe-rent private and public sectors, senators, deputies and women's unions, called for the adoption of a strong mechanism to implement the national

strategy. His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan stopped by the meeting be-fore the national strategy was approved and extended his support and encouragement, saying "In my turn, I have come to support you all for what you have achieved in the field of thuman) rights."

In his short speech, the Crown Prince urged the audience to concen-trate on raising public awareness of women's roles, by adopting clear and simple programmes that are compre-hensive and which represent all layers of society. He said that the national strategy should have Arabic and Islamic perspectives and a humanitarian

Emphasis on Arabic and Islamic values was clear in the first two articles that define the basis on which the national strategy relies. The arti-



Their Royal Highnesses Crown Prince Hassan and Princess Basma Tuesday participate, in a one-day

conference on forming a national strategy for women in Jordan (Petra photo)

cles also say that the strategy is based upon the Jordanian Constitution and the National Charter.

The overall objectives and procedures of the strategy include nearly all dimensions necessary for the en-bancement of women's status in Jordan. They include: legislative, political, economic, social, and educational

At the legislative level, its main objectives are 10 promulgate legisla-tions and amend others to end discrimination against women in various fields. It also aims at raising public awareness of the society, particularly women's legislative and judicia rights: ameliorating legislations and laws concerning the women's role in

the society; promulgating legislation that safeguards women's rights. In one of the articles that defines the procedures to be taken to imple-ment the above objectives, Sheikh Izzeddin Al Kharib Al Tamimi, His Majesty King Hussein's religious affairs advisor, demanded a revision to the new amendment to the article. The article reads: "(Efforts should

clear-cut Sharia scripts through Islamic scholars' judgement and based upon opinions of Islamic Faqihs that go hand in hand with contemporary society's (needs) and development. At the political level, the strategy called for upgrading women's parti-cipation in political life, in drawing up

Law, taking into consideration

women's interest in accordance with

national policies and in occupying leading posts. At the economic level, it aims at increasing women's participation in the labour force: working against discrimination at work, and ensuring the necessary facilities to encourage

The steps to be taken to implement these objectives are basically dependent upon constant supervision on employment procedures in governmental insututions and extending

consultative services to women. At the social level, the strategy aims at reinforcing women's status and their role in society and the family and extending help to special

At the educational level, the strategy aims at ameliorating educaservices in all areas and reinforcing a positive image of women in the educational curricula — portraying a positive role of women in the family and society.

One of the steps the strategy adopted to implement these objectives in the educational arena was the Ministry of Education's plan to reduce illineracy.

Different views were aired con-cerning the mechanism of applica-tion. Some protested the lack of consideration paid to the information

The National Committee for Women, charged with rephrasing the document and introducing the proposal amendments to it. expects to publicly issue the final draft by the end of next week.

"Everyone who participated in pre-paring and approving the strategy should provide the suitable conditions for application so as not to transfer cess Basma concluded

Media's 'distorted' image of women must be changed, say activists

By Sa'eda Kilani Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Speakers at a con-ference Monday criticised what they saw as the distorted image of women in the Jordanian media and demanded that the private and public sectors take quick

action to change it. Women's activist and journalist Hayat Huweik Atiyyeh, urged all concerned parties, public and private, to take strict measures against what she saw as the 'catastrophic and shocking' image of women in television adver-

According to Ms. Atiyyeh, the

Jordan Television Corporation (JTV) reflects women either as sex objects or as traditional veiled

"Both are symbols of the concentration on the women's body that has either to be covered or displayed," she said. Where is the intellectual

woman... she is completely ab-sent," she added. "This is a result of the Western invasion on our culture and its policy of imposing backwardness on our societies... Ahmad Theiban, a journalist at

the Arabic daily Sawt Al Shasb, spoke of women's abuse in the of attention paid to rural women. While women in the city are struggling to obtain an honourable status in the political field. women in the rural areas are still fighting against poverty, social norms and traditions that are rarely reflected in the media."

Mr. Theiban also criticised what be saw as the constant degradation of women's personality and individuality by continually linking women's achievements to men's achievements.

"The woman is portrayed as the wife, daughter and sister of an press-regarding women's status in important husband, father or the city and particularly the lack brother," be said.

Toujan Faisal, a women's activist, strongly attacked the female stereotype reflected in television programme. She said the woman is either reflected as a bad and evil creature, an exaggeratingly sacrificing mother or as a weak individual who needs the

"This stereotype picture drawn in television series and programmes has now become an obligatory role that women have to play," Ms. Faisal said. "At present, the sacrificing image of the mother is demanded and to large degrees she can expect nothing in

Democratic Party for Progress in Jordan to nominate candidates for Parliament

By Mariam M. Shahin Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — At its July 9 congress, the Democratic Party for Progress in Jordan (DPPJ) will nominate candidates from its membership to run on the party ticket in the parliamentary elections expected this fall, said Secretary General Ali Amer this

Although several independents seeking seats in the Lower House of Parliament have already announced their candidacy, most political parties have not yet named their candidates.

By the beginning of July, however, most parties are ex-

pected to launch their campaigns by announcing their nominees. Although DPPJ wants a redrawing of electoral districts to encompass all of Jordan into one electoral district, replacing the current system, it says it will field candidates regardless of changes in the election law.

"We will decide and vote on our candidates on July 9th," Mr. Amer told the Jordan Times in an interview this week. "We prefer a change in the

electoral districts and an enlargement of the Parliament to 120 seats," said Mr. Amer. "Proportional representation wherein every 200,000 voters

would be represented by some 24 deputies," Mr. Amer said, "would be a more proportional." Details about the number of candidates, the districts they would run in or what kind of coaliuon the DPPJ would form with other left-wing parties, had not yet been decided, said Mr.

We hope to answer some of those questions during the con-gress," he said. No female candidate would be fielded, said Mr. Amer, if the current electoral districts stayed in place.

"None of our female members will have any chance of winning if the current electoral districts are

Economic issues and the peace process would be the two main forces of the DPPJ platform during what party leaders say will be three months of intensive campaigning.

Thus far the DPPJ is one of five left-wing political parties fielding candidates for the election. Political analysts say that support for left-wing politics has declined internationally since the break-up of the Soviet Union, and that this decline is likely to be felt in

Jordan's general elections as well.
"The left is on the decline and its schisms will only accelerate that decline," said a former member of a left-wing movement that split last year.

The ascension of Islamist revisionist groups coupled with eco-nomic decline and Western political begemony in the region have all played a part in the loss of attraction that left-wing political parties once enjoyed, say

preserved," Mr. Amer explained. Nevertheless, in the 1989 elections three leftists won seats in

> Earlier this month the Jordan People's Democratic Party (JPDP) announced it was fielding five candidates. The JPDP and the DPPJ are spin-offs of the Democratic Front for the Liberanon of Palestine, a Palestinian party once part of the political underground in Jordan.

> the Kingdom's 80-member parlia-

Jordan's July 1988 decision to sever legal and administration links with the occupied West Bank created a schism in the Palestinian parties who had massive popular support in the King-dom. New Jordanian parties were thus born.

The DPPJ was the first leftwing party to be granted party status after a row late last year between leftist parties whose legalisation had been rejected by the Ministry of Interior.

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The things at stake

THE TENTH round of peace negotiations between srael and the Arab parties is nearing its end with not much to show for it. This is not surprising since the Israeli position has stayed where it has been over the list nine rounds of peace talks. Washington promised to play an effective role throughout the bilateral peace process that it had originally brokered, but has yet to deliver on that pledge in a concrete way. As a matter of Fact, both Israel and the various Arab delegations have enticipated a greater role for the U.S. because both sides know only too well that the gap between them cannot be bridged without a meaningful participation ny the Clinton administration in the talks. There is no sign yet that this will indeed be the case during what the world thought would be an eventful tenth round of Arab-Israeli peace talks. Should the ongoing efforts also fail to register real progress in the peace process, then all the prophecies about gloom and doom sweeping through the Middle East region may not be far from really happening.

The risk that extremism on both sides of the fence may exploit the failure of the peace process to advance can no longer be dismissed as sheer fantasy. All over this region of the world there are increasing signs that the cause of the extremist forces is steadily gaining on several fronts and is constantly consolidating its gains in other areas where it has already cemented footh-

While peace between Israel and its Arab neighbours may be postponed for few more years, it is extremely soubtful that the tide in favour of extremism can be checked during this waiting period. Israel must be the First to be weary about the rise and spread of extremism. Washington must also direct its attention in this phenomenon that is spreading in the Middle East and other developing countries. The stakes for all countries especially the moderate ones among them, are simply too high to continue to be taken lightly. This is therefore the time for the Clinton administration to step in right now and before the termination of the current peace round or risk losing all possibilities for peace in the Middle East and in turn a rebound for moderation in the area.

We in Jordan have a special concern about the turn of events in Washington since we are at the threshold of another parliamentary election in few months. The stakes for democracy and pluralism in the country are obviously too formidable. There is no way that the people of the country can continue to nurture moderation as long as the results of the past efforts in the peace process do not vindicate such a posture. It must sawn on all parties that greater and more forceful aftempts are needed to save the bilateral talks from imminent disaster.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

NCEPT for Washington's closest allies, most nations have andemned the recent U.S. missile attack on residential sites in ighdad, said At Ra'i daily. Most reactions to the raid condemed the double-standard attitude followed by Washington in the injury noted. Criticism of Washington's actions did not only contrate on the unjustified raid but also on Washington's clure to help achieve peace between the Arabs and the Israelis is had promised, continued the paper. The daily said that the issest U.S. attack coincided with the conclusion of the World unference on Human Rights and the announcement of the neanna Declaration which called for the establishment of a world arder that would enhance the cause of justice and peace. The riper pointed out that the attack came in flagrant violation of this icularation and contrary to the aspirations of the peace-loving tions. The American missile attack on the innocent civilians in "thdad, said the paper, was a clear indication that the U.S. ministration is not interested in the declaration of the Vienna reament which calls for equality, justice, democracy, solidarity, will the rule of the law.

MISSILE attack on Baghdad was launched not only against agi capital and its people, it was rather directed against the nation's dignity, said a columnist in Al Ra'i Arabic daily mesday. Fahd Al Fanck said that the barbarians of the 20th century have exposed themselves more and more to the world, ight must importantly have exposed the true nature of the Arab regimes which have totally succumbed to the will and the desires of the American cowboy and, by so doing, lost whatever remained of their legitimacy. What can Arab regimes say now in the face of the barbaric attack on the civilian population uf Baghdad?, asked the writer. This time the Americans did not seek normission from the Arab League to launch its attack on Baghdad as it did before simply because there is no need for such a permission, said the writer. He said that the attack was meant as an operate to every Arab citizen and was justified by the United the services of self-defence, added the writer. What glory the territory seck, being a superpower, by murdering the perfect and how does Washington appraise itself now, tigging become an outlaw? asked the writer. The United States as a journ broady history because it bas been launching agracion on one country after another, added the writer. He the latest aggression on Saghdad can only draw hatred and enter not only against Washington, but more specifically against to objection a Arabic speaking allies in the region.

Economic Forum

By Dr. Abdallah Malki

Foreign investment

Deeds speak louder than words

In the early seventies, Jordan launched an ambitious scheme to attract foreign investments, including Arab ones. For this purpose, it enacted, in 1972, a modern legislation, The Encouragement of Investment Law, which is about to be amended as a sign of the renewed Jordanian interest in attracting these

Considerable emphasis was put in that law on financial incentives. Tax exemptions were meant to be a central attraction. Starting with the sixties, developing countries rushed to take measures to attract foreign investment and, almost unanimously, adopted tax exemptions. One would reasonably argue that this unanimity tended to neutralise the positive effects of this weapon. That is true in the sense that tax exemptions no more give any country a competition edge. But then withholding such incentives would constitute a competition disadvantage. Developing countries foolishly established a policy which was irreversible and served only the interests of foreign investors.

Notwithstanding financial and other generous incentives, foreign capital invested in Jordan in the period 1975-90 constituted a meagre 7 per cent of aggregate investment. And this very modest portion still overstates the importance of foreign capital invested in Jordan. The term "investment" refers to capital invested each year in the economy. Thus, capital stock in a given country at any given time is the sum of all past annual investments, discounted by the rate of capital depreciation. On this count, foreign capital invested in Jordan is much less than 7 per cent of capital stock. probably 2 to 3 per cent of it. This very low level after decades of encouraging foreign investment hardly warrants the effort and is a powerful evidence that the foreign investment policy of Jordan has been a failure. There is no economic rationale for carrying on with this or other similar policies.

Actually, the nature of the net final effect of foreign investment on the economies of host countries, whether it is positive or negative, has not yet been well-established in the theory of development economics. When I suggested to my superviser to write my Ph.D. thesis on the advantages of foreign investment he insisted that the theme must be whether such investment was advantageous or otherwise.

However, the above argumentation in no way suggests that the economic policy of Jordan should not care for foreign investment. The crucial point is that Jordan and, for that matter, any other developing countries, should provide the conditions necessary to promote their own national investment. If that is done, the same conditions will be good enough for promoting foreign investment as well, and they du not have to offer special incentives for foreign investment, particularly the costly tax exemptions.

Advanced countries do not offer any special incentives for foreign investment. Nevertheless, they attract huge foreign investment on a permanent basis. Indeed, if developing countries fail to treat indigenous investment in a fair and good way, no foreign investor will believe or expect them to treat him that way. irrespective of the legislative rhetoric.



Static revenue estimates are a major cause of the budget deficit

By Paul Craig Roberts

President Bill Clinton and the economy a great service by axing his British Thermal Units (BTU) tax on energy, but if they want to save his presidency — and the recovery — they will have to go further and kill the entire tax bill.

The adverse impact of the energy tax on the poor was clear enough to Mr. Clinton's advisors, who set aside 40 per cent of the projected revenues to beef up welfare spending to compensate poor Americans for what they would pay. The Senate, concerned with the harm to employment in energy-intensive industries, such as airlines, aluminium. fertilisers, and steel, took this reasoning a step further. Adding up the lost payroll and income taxes, it was clear that the tax was a revenue loser. It made no sense to take on so many special interests for a tax that would cost the government more money than it would bring in.

Since the energy tax's pro-jected revenues of \$70 billion were a figment of the estimators' imaginations, newspaper reports that Senate Democrats are struggling to cobble together other caxes to plug the revenue hole are nonsensical. As the tax would bave produced no net revenues.

there is no hole to plug.

The sorry episode of the life and death of this tax is a prime example of the political damage and public confusion wrought by static revenue estimates. Congress' Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT) and the Treasury's Office of Tax Analysis (OTA) base revenue estimates on the assumption that taxes do not affect behaviour, sales, employment, profits, or investment. Consequently, estimators always overestimate the revenue gains from a tax hike and the losses from a tax cut.

Shrinking ships

Indeed, statie revenue estimates are a major cause of the budget deficit. The JCT and OTA keep loading the government up with revenue-losing tax hikes, Examples abound. Remember the luxury tax on yachts, furs, jewellery, and private airplanes? Well, the facts are in: Internal Revenue Service filings show that the resulting job losses alone have cost the government \$2.40 for every \$1 of revenue. The airplane tax is the most amazing of all. In fiscal 1991, it brought in a mere \$53,000 in revenues but eost \$5.1 million in unemployment outlays.

year, but studies by the General Business Week.

SENATE Democrats have done Accounting Office and Evans Economics reveal this to be a fantasy. The tax devastated the U.S. shipping industry. The U.S. fleet tonnage shrank by 28 per cent during 1986-91, while world tonnage rose 25 per cent. The vanished 8,000 jobs have cost the Treasury \$60 million a year in lost payroll and income taxes. When multiplier effects and lost state and local revenues are included, the annual cost of the tax rises to \$160 million, or \$4 lost for every \$1 of projected revenue.

Slow write-down

On occasion, tax estimators do more than ruin companies, indus-tries, and the livelihoods of thousands of workers: They bring the country to the brink of ruin. The real estate provisions in the 1986 tax reform legislation cost the U.S. at least four times as much as the \$60 billion tab for Desert Storms. The asset lives of commercial real estate properties were lengthened from 19 years to 31 years, which collapsed the present values of the properties. Passive investors were denied normal tax deductions, causing them to walk away from their investments. The 40 per cent increase in the capital-gains tax guaranteed no one would hold on for the long haul.

Ignoring the obvious economic and financial effects of these provisions, the estimators expected to raise approximately \$33 billion in new revenues. Instead, real estate values collapsed, pulling down banks, thrifts, and federally insured savings and loan deposits.

Static revenue estimates have proven to be the worst kind of fraud, and it is amazing that no lawsuits have been filed. The JCT and the OTA claim it is too difficult to make the dynamic estimates that take into account the effects of taxes on behaviour. No doubt this analysis would be difficult and imprecise, but an imprecisely right analysis is better than a precisely wrong one, as in the cases of yachts, shipping, and real estate.

Certainly, we do not need any more tax hikes that swell the deficit. Yet Mr. Clinton's plan is based on the same invalid methodology for producing revenue estimates that predicted Mr. Bush's, 1990 tax increase would balance the budget. Mr. Clinton. should note that, after Mr. Bush's budget deal was enacted, the Congressional Budget Office raised its five-year deficit projections six times by an average Another example is the repeal \$220 billion. Unless Mr. Clinton in the 1986 Tax Reform Act of wants a bigger deficit, higher the tax deferral for earnings rein- unemployment, rising inflation vested in the shipping industry (Sub-Part F). Estimators expected an additional \$40 million a deep-six his entire lax bill -

Coca Cola, Arab indignity and the violence of 1993

By Rami Khouri

The American missile attack on Baghdad Saturday night will be seen by most people as a continuation of the Gulf war and a confirmation of the novel yet barbaric nature of modern Anglo-Saxon technological warfare: the battlefield action stopped over two years ago, but the killing and the mass human suffering go on unabated, whether due to sanctions or to punitive military

The broader political imperative from the American perspective also continues and becomes more clear: to maintain the Middle East in a political/commercial configuration that serves western economic interests first and foremost, a status quo that is uncomfortable for the majority of Arabs in this region, but safe from the threats of indigenous Middle Eastern powers or even

from the aspirations of the people of the region.

It seems that at the end of the 20th century Washington may play the role of military enforcer and exploitative economic hegemon in the Middle East that Great Britain played in the region at the end of the 19th century. The actors and the commodities change, but the script remains depressingly familiar. The British wanted to sell us tea, the Americans sell us Coca Cola. The British wanted to maintain communications routes to their Asian empire, the Americans want to maintain privileged access to Arab oil, commercial markets and financial surpluses. The British and their European co-predators had to contain Mohammad Ali in the 19th century to protect their imperial interests, the Americans and their European sidekicks have to contain Gamal Abdul Nasser, Ayatollah Khomeini and Saddam Hussein to protect their neo-imperial interests in the 20th century.

The specific American rationale for this latest action - the alleged Iraqi ptot 10 assassinate George Bush — shoutd be seen within the broader regional picture of interaction between the Arab/Islamie people of the Middle East and the United States. The assassination story may or may not be true. The fact is, Washington attacked Iraqi targets several other times in the last year, and it maintains a tight embargo that has brought suffering to millions of ordinary Iraqis. The assassination allegation is a passing incident, while the reality of the use of overwhelming American military power against virtually helpless targets in the Middle East is a new patiern that appears capable of becoming a

The broader picture of short-term U.S.-Middle Eastern dynamics is gloomy, given the continued attacks against traq, the use of American troops in Somalia, the aggressive diplomatic campaign against Iran, Libya and Sudan, and the new phenomenon of apparently Arab/Islamic sponsored terrirism against targets in the United States. The separate incidents of violence and counter-violence that characterise U.S. Middle Eastern dynamics now threaten to become a permanent cycle of savagery fuelled by an escalating legacy of injustice, anger, oesperation, contempt and double standards.

Neither side will benefit from such a trend, and both peoples will suffer rising levels of fear, death and destruction, Neither brand of violence can be justified, supported or accepted. The technological militarism of Washington and the indiscriminate terror tactics of anti-American Arabs or Muslims stem from deeper fears that cannot be addressed by further violence. The

American military actions, the alleged Bush assassination plot and the terror campaign in the United States are important signs that something grievously wrong is now driving people on both sides to resort to desperate and inhuman acts.

To ignore the underlying concerns and injustices that generate those acts would only guarantee that more such acts will take place — that we would not only revert to late 19th century imperial legacies, but to a much more savage 11th century Crusader mentality that could play itself out on a scale of unimaginable horror both in the United States and the Middle East. It is probably inevitable that Arab/Islamic desperation has now brought terrorism to the United States itself, given the modern history of American diplomacy in the region. Much as we might disagree with such tactics, we should not be so naive as to only condemn them without probing for their deeper causes, so that we may try to address and resolve them.

The diplomatic double standards and neo-colonial commercial diplomacy of the United States and its European pals remain fundamental to the rage that now fuels the sentiments of many people in this region. For years and decades, many of us in this area have repeatedly warned of the consequences of allowing the political/economic configuration of the Middle East to remain in its current dilapidated, distorted and exhausted form. The abuse that Arabs/Muslims have endured for most of this century at the hands of western powers, Zionism, and many of their own autocratic power structures has spawned an indignity that is being translated into indiscriminately violent and fanatical action. It is ugly, it is regretiable, it should be condemned, and it will probably not achieve its aims - but it is neither surprising nor

Groups of discontented Arabs and Muslims are speaking in the unfortunate language of violence; the masses of their countrymen and women may not enndone their means, but they understand the message they are trying to send. They understand because they share the same feelings of personal humiliation, cultural degradation, economic despair and national indignity that have accumulated for most of this century and that have reached intolerable levels in the people who make bombs for use in the

The bombs against the United States and the missiles against Baghdad, however, are signs of weakness, not strength — human, political, and military weakness all rolled into one. The prevalent Middle Eastern problems, injustices and distortions that have brought us to this sad point will not be resolved by bombs - they will only be aggravated. That's what we and most of the rest of the Arab/Islamic people tried to tell the United States, its European pals, and their few terrified Arab wards when the Gulf crisis erupted in August 1990. Guns will not stabilise this region; they

will lead it towards greater explosions. The Middle East today is in far worse shape than it was in August 1990, and American military involvement is more widespread, continuous and futile. Bill Clinton, like George Bush, will use military force against weak Middle Easterners to shore up his political standing at home and pump up his macho quotient. This is inherent in the violence of American culture, the superficiality of American politics, the shortsightedness of American diplomacy and the inevitability of American foreign policy chickens coming home to roost. It is an act of monumental weakness, confusion, and frustration.

It is sad but perhaps understandable that Bill Clinton, the FBI. and others in the United States have quickly resorted to jingoistic emotionalism in explaining why they bombed Baghdad yet again. "Don't tread on me" plays well in Main Street, USA in the short run. It pumps up the nationalistic adrenalin. It generates powerful imagery from the past — the Alamo, Iwo Jima, the Shores of Tripoli and a fantastic nationalistic American Disneyland of the spirit, where guns speak and tough guys strut, but the mind is put on hold. But what does this approach get you in the end, other than a non-stop cowboy film, guns in your high schools, and veins where the sugar of the Coca Cola mixes uneasily with the chemicals of the cocaine?

George Bush played the same game nearly three years ago — and look what has happened to him, to the U.S., and to the Middle East since then. Or are we not supposed to deal with facts, history, political reality, and human nature? Are we only supposed to wave the flag, and enjoy the fireworks - while supposed to wave the mag, and enjoy the ureworks — while seeking perpetual refuge in a fantasy world defined by the imperative of selling Coca Cola, the logic of imperial compulsion and the morality of shallow and facile politicians driven by the horror of electoral defeat and by little else of higher value?

We have heard and will continue to hear many allusions to American policy in Bosnia. Why does the United States use military force against Arabs but not against Serbs or Croats? Why does the United States mobilise a global armada to defend "principles" in the oil-rich Gulf but not in an Islamic pocket in Europe? These arguments grow repetitive, sometimes tedious, almost boring. But they lose none of their relevance. They should be heeded and studied and acted upon: yet, they reflect only a small part of the full picture.

That full picture comprises a heat of other Middle Eastern injustices and double standards that we ask the world to help us resolve. Value Arab/Islamic democracy and promote Arab/Islamic pluralism as you do in other parts of the world. Apply international law and U.N. resolutions in Palestine as you do in other conflicts. Shun autocrats in our region as you do elsewhere. By all means, buy our oil. Use our strategic communication routes. Borrow our money. Sell to our people. But also see our people, hear them, deal with them as human beings who have

Because if, in the end, you see the Arab/Islamie people only as passive guardians of transport routes and expedient custodians of material commodities and then see them as targets in your gunsights, do not expect them to reciprocate with a thank you card and a box of chocolates. One day, they will stop pleading for justice and instead they will fight for it, using any means at their disposal — uncaring of legal or moral niceties that they have been denied, unimpressed by visions of fantasy lands and cowboy shows, unwilling to remain modern history's eternally downtrodshows, unwriting to remain modern insteady's elemany downtrouden. The world missed the opportunity to achieve justice and stability in the Middle East in 1920 and in 1948 and in 1990. Is it so surprising, then, that 1993 should be so ugly and cruel?

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Crime money using new channels

PARIS (AFP) — Organised Tom Sherman of Australia recrime is increasingly using nonbank financial institutions and other businesses to launder an estimated \$85 million a year generated by world-wide drug trafficking and other criminal activities, a group fighting money laundering said Tuesday.

The Financial Action Task Force (FATF), set sup at the request of the 1989 Paris summit of the Group of Seven (G-7) economic superpowers to track illicit cross-border financial transactions, said investigations over the past year into new money laundering techniques had turned

up fresh evidence of this. The task force, grouping countries and regions which are home to most major financial centres. has pressed on with efforts to persuade additional countries and regions to join the fight against money laundering, the FATF said in its annual report here.

In the past year, efforts to mobilise world-wide support for tbis crusade focussed on Central and Eastern Europe, the Caribbean and Asia.

Outgonig FATF Chairman

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France

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tive government, increasingly

frustrated by its limited room for

pulling the economy out of recession with lower interest rates.

hinted Tuesday that tax cuts are

Prime Minister Edouard Balla-

dur, asked in an interview on

Europe 1 radio whether he was

considering a cut in income taxes,

replied: "I've asked that we study

Since it came to power in

March, the government has relied

heavily on interest rates, which it

has cut nine times, to crank up

economic growth and tackle un-

But after bringing short-term rates down by four percentage

points and wiping out their pre-

mium over German rates, there is

little room for further cuts with-

out the Bundesbank taking the

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cently said the group had detected a stepping up of the activities of professional money launderers in 1992.

Reporting to a Council of Europe caucus, he voiced concern about the emergence of some Central and Eastern European countries — Bulgaria, Hungary and the former Cezchoslova-- as key staging posts for drug smuggling from the Middle

He cited privatisation and currency convertibility in the area as 'open windows'' for money

The FATF report said special seminars for finance officials of several East European countries were held in 1992 in Budapest and Warsaw and similar events were organised for Asian and Pacifie countries — in Australia last September and in Singapore

Caribbean countries, which have set up their own regional financial task force, last November endorsed a set of 40 FATF recommendations adopted in to be "constantly on guard"

BONN (R) - Party leaders from

Germany's ruling centre-right coalition agreed late Monday to

a controversial plan to plug the

widening budget deficit by cutting

Finance Minister Theo Waigel

told reporters after leaving the

meeting in the chancellery that

the party chiefs agreed on a "ba-

lanced programme" of cuts totall-

ing 20 billion marks (\$11.8 bil-

But despite painful cuts in

Asked by reporters as he left

the meeting about his forecast for

new borrowings by the govern-

ment in 1994, Mr. Waigel said:

"It will be around the same as this

The government is forecasting

a federal budget deficit in 1993 of

around 68 billion marks, up from

Mr. Waigel rejected criticism

from unions and the opposition

Social Democrats that the gov-

ernment was dismantling Ger-

many's generous social welfare

where all areas make their own

contribution," he said. "But we

must also conform certain social

programmes to the economic

Mr. Waigel said recently the

Bundesbank had made it clear

that it would only find room for

more cuts in leading interest

rates, sorely needed to fuel eco-

nomie recovery, if Bonn tight-

ened its belt and cut the swelling

Economics Minister Guenter

Rexrodt, a liberal, who had ear-

lier said the government must do

more than just cut spending, said

realities," he added.

public deficits.

"It_is a balanced programme

federal spending, the budget deficit would remain at 1993's re-

social welfare spending.

lion) in 1994.

cord levels, he said.

39 billion last year.

German coalition

agrees \$11.8b

savings plan

quired to combat money launder-

They notably called for legislation to lift banking secrecy to help monitor illicit transactions.

Nearly all FATF members have now made drug money laundering a criminal offence, or are about to amend their laws in this direction, according to the

The task force, which has set up a procedure of "mutual evaluations" to make sure that members comply with the 40 recommendations, is cooperating closely with such bodies as the Council of Europe, the United Nation's International Drug Control Programme and Interpol.

Although the FATF has made 'substantial" progress in the past four years, Mr. Sherman, to be succeeded as chairman by a Briton, warned there was "no cause

for complacency."

There was still "some way to before all FATF recommendations were implemented by members, and there was a need

be was satisfied with the package

and that it included measures to

it is not only a pure savings

package, but that it contains a

series of initiatives for more eco-

was cut less and, in some cases,

was even raised," he said, "We

ained some measures for more

flexibility regarding working

hours and licensing procedures

Labour Minister Norbert

Bluem, whose budget will be

sharply cut when the axe falls.

said welfare tecipients must do

their part to help put Germany's economic house back in order.

But, with little to be pleased about, Mr. Bluem said he was

able to keep at least one promise:

"Nothing will happen to pen-sions, nothing at all."

Party officials declined to com-

ment on the details of the pack-

age, called the "savings and con-

spending cuts when it votes on

the federal budget on July 13.

package of spending cuts totalling

more than 20 billion marks (\$11.8

billion) in 1994 and 25 billion

The finance ministry said ear-

lier that around half of next year's

cuts would be made by slashing

jobless benefits and social welfare

Free Democrats (FDP) said be-

fore the talks that they wanted

more government efforts to

stimulate the economy, in its worst slump since World War II.

The junior coalition member

marks (\$14.7 billion) in 1995.

olidation programme".

The cabinet will decide on the

Mr. Waigel had proposed a

"Investment-oriented spending

nomic growth," he said.

"I am especially satisfied that

boost the economy.

for industry."

1990 listing national measures required to combat money laundering techniques and "be ready to remedy any weaknesses."

The FATF report said the group was pressing on with work on preventive measures against money laundering in the nonbank financial sector.

It claimed good progress in working out counter-measures in the field of electronic payment and message systems, in coopera-tion with SWIFT, the leading international money transfer net-

The group said it launched a study of the use of "shell corporations" for money laundering, and was seeking to clarify how financil institutions could secure information about such elients. Work was also under way on

how to counter money laundering through non-financial businesses.
All Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) member countries, except Iceland, joined the FATF by 1991, along with some major Asian financial centres including Hong Kong and Singapore. The OECD provides a secretariat for the FATF.

Japan's jobless rate rise could slow recovery

TOKYO (R) — Japan's unemployment rate reached 2.5 per cent in May, the highest level for almost five years, dampening hopes of an economic recovery. the government said Tuesday.

The jobless rate compared with .3 per cent in April and was the highest since September 1988. when the labour market was suffering the fallout from the 1986-87 recession, an official of the Management and Cooperation Agency said.

"The situation is looking severe," he said.

Finance Minister Yoshiro Hayashi told reporters the jobless rate "should be watched careful-

Although Japan's unemploy-ment is far lower than that of other leading industrialised countries, the jobs-to-applicants ratio showed that only 81 jobs were on offer for every 100 applicants in May, down from 84 in April. The ratio has been falling since

peaking at 146 in March 1991, a labou. ninistry official said. Ecc omists said that the rate showed whether the nation's economy was improving. "Consumption will not recov-

er, as many people expect, if hiring is alow," said Hidehiro Iwaki, senior economist at Nomura Research Institute Ltd. "As long s employment is maintained, personal consumption will

A recent survey by the labour ministry found many manufacturers had a labour surplus for the first time in about six years.

GATT chief calls for Uruguay Round deal by year-end

GENEVA (R) — GATT chief Arthur Dunkel Wednesday made a final plea for major nations to agree by year-end on a Uruguay Round deal to remove trade bar-

Mr. Dunkel also criticised some states for failing to quickly implement the often painful changes to their trade policies recommended by GATT panels set up to rule on bilateral dis-

His remarks prefaced the GATT activities 1992 report, issued a day before he retires after 13 years as director-general of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). Peter Sutherland, former chairman of Allied Irish Banks and previously a European Community competition commissioner, succeeds the former Swiss diplomat at the GATT helm Thursday.

Mr. Dunkel urged the 116 na-tions taking part in the ambitious Uruguay Round to wrap up a market-opening accord by year-

"I believe the deal can, and should, be done before the end of the year," he said in an introduction to the 181-page report. "The Uruguay Round continues to be posed precariously at the brink of final success."

"The time has come now for governments to face realities and ive up to their responsibilities," Mr. Dunkel added.

The Uruguay Round negotiations, launched in September system."

have been completed at the end of 1990. The talks have been deadlocked by disputes between major nations over reducing their farm subsidies as well as arduous tariff negotiations to provide better market access. The round also covers industrial goods and service industries.

"The Uruguay Round is not an attempt to manage world trade, Mr. Dunkel said. "It is an attempt to create, or recreate, the conditions of real competition in which trade, will thrive."

He conceded several opportunines had been lost in the last few years to finish the talks. Political pressures had prevented leaders from making decisions on sensitive economic issues.

"At root, it has been a question of uming — rightly or wrongly. the political winds were never quite right, never blowing in the same direction for everyone," Mr. Dunkel said.

"And while the major industrial countries have tried vainly to find a politically acceptable point at which to settle, the rest of the world has had to wait with increasing frustration," he added. Let us hope the omens are right

While not naming countries, Mr. Dunkel crificised some governments for failing to implement the findings of GATT disputesettlement panel reports. He said this showed "a worrying lack of commitment to the multilateral

Israel options exchange to open in August

Stock Exchange (TASE) will open an Israeli options market on Aug. 1, exchange sources said Tuesday. They said the market, to be called the MAOF options market, would list the 25 top Israeli blue-chip stocks. It will be operated and regulated by MAOF Clearinghouse Company,

TEL AVIV (R) - The Tel Aviv a TASE subsidiary, they said. Israeli shares rose sharply in very heavy early trading Tuesday. buoyed by a statement in which Finance Minister Abraham Shohat ruled out a capital gains tax on stock matket profits in coming years. The sources said stock profits from the options exchange woud also be tax-exempt.

Ansett Australia Airlines Group opens regional office in Cyprus

NICOSIA - The Ansett Australia Airlines Group has appointed Nick Moudarri to head their regional organisation covering the Middle East, Eastern Mediterranean and North Africa, effective 1st July 1993. Previously he was general manager commercial of Gulf Air, and general manager Middle East, Eastern Mediterranean and North Africa for Dan-Air. Ansett's international development and sales director, Rod Robson, announced that Nick Moudarri will be responsible for marketing and selling the Ansett Australia Airlines Group which includes Ansett Australia Airlines, East West, Ansett New Zealand and Hayman Island. The objective is to prepare these markets for Ansett's expansion into South East Asia, following the Australian International Air Services Commission decision to grant to the airline the right to operate international services from Australia to Malaysia. Indonesia and Singapore. The Commission is currently deliberating with respect to Hong Kong and Japan.

The Ansett Australia Group is currently the leading domestic carrier in Australia and New Zealand, with a reputation for quality service and attention to detail.

World Bank may declare Cameroon insolvent in July

YAOUNDE (R) — Cameroon worth over \$650 million. Cameroon, whose econd 20 billion CFA francs (\$70 million) and may be declared insolvent in three weeks' time, a government official said.

If the West African country does not pay its debt service arrears by July 17. it will be declared in a state of non-accrual and all aid will stop. Economists in Yaounde say they are very pessimistic about Cameroon finding the money.

The bank froze funding on March 17 when Cameroon had 13.2 billion CFA francs (\$46.6 million) of debt service arrears. France bailed Cameroon out in January when the World Bank was last on the brink of with-

So far only seven countries. including Liberia, Iraq, Sudan and the former Yugoslavia, have been declared insolvent. Unlike those four states, Cameroon is not in a state of war.

The World Bank has 15 agricultural, educational, and de-velopment projects in Cameroon, and Central Africa as a whole.

Cameroon, whose economy relies mainly on exports of crude

oil, eocoa and coffee, bas been suspended by the World Bank several times. The arrears mean Cameroon cannot negotiate a new agree-ment with the International

Monetary Fund. Donors including the United States have cut aid in protest at what they say are serious buman

President Paul Biya was re-turned to office in multi-party elections last October which foreign observers said were seriously

The World Bank's Cameroon representative Joseph Ingram told a meeting in Yaounde Monday that bank projects in the country bad the second highest failure rate in Africa after Zaire.

Mr. Ingram said 75 per cent of the bank's projects failed in Cameroon, compared with an

Corruption rising in Vietnam

HANOI (AFP) - The Vietnamese state lost \$13 million to corruption during the first six months of 1993, the trade union newspaper Lao Dong said Monday, citing Vietnamese police statistics. The figures show that the number of corruption cases rose by 120 per cent and the losses doubled compared to the same period in 1992, the newspaper said. It did not say if any money or goods had been recovered. Some 448 corruption cases have been discovered since the beginning of the year resulting in the prosecution of 778 people, the newspaper said. Corruption has particularly affected state-run sectors such as trade, finance, agriculture, industry, construction and transport with the complicity of some officials. The Vietnamese government set up an anti-corruption commission in 1991 and will be stepping up the fight this year against what it calls the 'national scourge.

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FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY JUNE 30, 1993 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: In the morning show those who can assistance to you that you would appreciate knowing what is the best method of operating in your field of endeavor. An unusual suggestion will prove helpful.

ARJES: March 21 to April 19) Find out early what you can do to have more of this worlds goods for later you find that a veil is drawn over the actual situations confronting.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) You have all kinds of personal goals which you can make progress early in attaining but an influence soon comes up giving the wrong impression to you. GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) You

certainly have the chance to early ferret out the truth about a practical issue facing you even though later another plan is full of oblique

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Money conscious friends can help you reach a material goal so contact them early in the day while tonight a calculating partner

LEO: (July 22 August 211 Give more thought to your public stature and just how you can improve it by more steadfastness, later let a confusing work condition solve it-

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Your day in do whatever will bring you joy and happiness and to see those who are loyal to you, tonight don't go off on a spare with a new associate.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Do whatever will build up your bank or your savings account, etc. during the daytime and it increases rapidly, tonight don't get involved in an argument at home. SCORPIO: (October 23 to Novem-

ber 2t) You have a good chance to make new arrangements with a usually unbending associate during the day while tonight is not good for going calling on neighbours. SACITTARIUS: | November 22 to

December 21) Much benefit comes from getting into activities awaiting your attention so use ability to finish them while tonight is no good for risks with money.

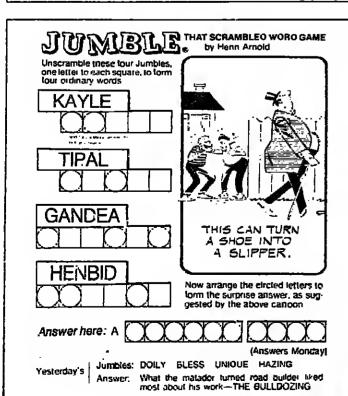
CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) You now are inspired to make arrangements to do those things which bring you the most pleasure so use daytime doing so, tonight, avoid personal hurt feel-

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Its best to organise matters t your home so you lorget nothing of importance or that your family desires today, tonight don't get into secret schemes.

PISCES: |February 20 to March 20) You can be very specific tetting usual alties know just what you expect of them although later you find a good friend can get in the way of carrying these out.

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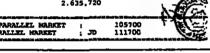
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Oman moves ahead with \$4b under- ocean gas pipeline plan

MANAMA (R) — Oman is Mr. Shanfari has overseen reacting with surprising speed and determination to implement plans to build a \$4 billion underwater gas pipeline to India, oil experts said Tuesday.

Oil Minister Said Bin Ahmad Al Shanfari announced in Paris Monday that Oman had signed an agreement with a world-class consortium of engineering firms to do a feasibility study.

He has estimated the cost of the pipeline at \$4 billion and said it would carry 1.8 billion to two billion cubic feet (some 50 million to 57 million cubic meters) of gas per day.

Mr. Shanfari was acting only three months after the idea was first broached publicly, and he surprised Gulf experts further by announcing the pipeline should be up and running in only three years — by mid-1996.

"Whether it can happen that quickly is a question," said one expert in Oman.

TAPEI (Agencies) - Taiwan's

foreign exchange reserves total-led \$85.6 billion in May, the

markable innovations in his country's energy business, including undertaking work in Siberia and gaining an oil concession in Kazakhstan.

And this expert said the con-sortium includes some of the world's best engineering com-panies, such as Overseas Bechtel Inc. McDermott International Inc. Saipem SPA and Snamprogretti SPA.

The companies involved are quite professional companies in this field. Their technical prowess may be such that this thing can come oo-stream when the minister said it should," he said.

In trying to get the line finished by 1996, Mr. Shanfari may be attempting to race past other gas projects in the region. Qatar is busily developing liquified natural gas (LNG) projects and already has a deal to supply India from 1997 to 1998.

Qatar, which has far larger gas But another pointed out that reserves than Oman, is also

studying a 3.5 billion underwater pipeline ot Pakistan to export two billion cubic feet per day, and the idea of pipelines from Iran to Pakistan or India has also been

But Oman would beat them all if Mr. Shanfari's time-goal is met. The line from Qatar, advanced by the Sharjah-based Crescent Petroleum Co. International, is the farthest along, yet the earliest date proposed for its operation is

Officials bave spoken about the possibility of joining lines from Oman, Qatar and possibly Iran in their eastward path to save money, and it was possible Mr. Shanfari was seeking to give Oman a solid bargaining position in any such talks.

But he told reporters in Paris Monday he favoured a direct 1,460-kilometre long route. one which would pass deep under the Arabian Sea and not go along the Iranian and Pakistani coast where

the others could tap into it. That would pass at an unprecedented depth of 3,000 metres and go over sub-ocean mountains, techically very difficult. But

there would be a time advantage in not having to negociate with Iran and Pakistan or others. A Crescent official in Sharjah said the two lines did not have to

be in competition. 'We believe the Indian market is so enormous it can absorb gas from more than one single source." he said.
The official forecast a market

in India of 250 million cubic metres (around nine billion cubic feet) a day - some five times the amount that could flow through the Omani pipeline.

Mr. Shanfari said a pipeline to India would lock in a fast-growing market in the world's second most populous country, with energy demand growing 1.6 omes faster than the economy over the last 15 years.

economy and cutbacks in state

structure, as it developed from a

low-cost export base into a ma-

ture economy, also meant the

breakneck growth of the past four

decades was unlikely to continue,

mic growth is now over. Our

economic base has changed,"

said Chang Wen-Po, a director at the Council for Economic Plan-

ning and Development.

"The time for very high econo-

Changes in Taiwan's industrial

Arab League seeks amended risk weight for banks

ABU DHABI (R) — An Arab League official said Monday Arab banks want flexibility from a Bank for International Settlements (BIS) committee on international standards it has applied to them which affect their ability to operate.

The Arab League's assistant secretary general for economic Yusuf Nimatallah, said the BIS's 100 per cent risk weighting of Arab banks was hurting them — because they have to set aside as provisions substantial funds that could otherwise be earning them pro-

He told reporters after talks with the Arab Monetary Fund (AMF) that the banks will seek a graduate risk weighting from the BIS to take into account Arab banks' progress in strengthening

their financial positions. "Life is not all black and white." he said "We ask for

flexibility. The AMF, the arab League's main financial insotution, said Sunday after talks with Mr. Mimatallah and Arab central bank governors that it will pursue

its risk elassification of Arab countries.

Mr. Nimatallah said it will seek to have the risk weighting amended to a graduated system as an alternative to lumping all Arab countries, except Saudi Arabia, together in one high-risk

talks with the Basle-based BIS on

"I don't think they can change their classification easily. We want to tell 8aslie that at least this is our point of viw," he said. "In other words we do recognise the fact there are some weak bank but there are also strong banks and we want you to recognise

The BIS rule requires all banks within the Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development to treat loans to Arab countries except Saudi Arabia as 100

per cent risk weighted. BIS would then require the lender to have enough funds to cover the full value of a loan under another BIS rule that demands that a bank's risky debts should not exceed eight per cent of its capital.

"Risk is either zero or 100 per cent. We say it could be 10 above zero or 50 per cent. It is identified by many factors," Mr. Nimatal-

This also means that Arab banks must cover with 100 per cent provisions any loans it made back into the Arab World, no

matter where they fund it from. "They are hurting." he said of Arab banks. "Our income is very low. You know why? Because to get money for provisions you have to pay... either in opportunity costs or actual costs.

The AMF said it will report any developments on its talks with the BIS to Arab central bank governors who are due to hold their annual meeting in Cairo on Sept.

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bighest in the world, central bank governor Samuel Shieh has re-Mr. Shieh said the May reserves were \$667 million more than in April. He linked the

increase to a reduction in capital outflow and an increase in Taiwan's trade surplus.

For years, Taiwan was rated the world's richest country based on foreign currency reserves. It

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was overtaken by Germany for most of the final months of last year and several months this

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Germany's reserves, which billion in May. Taiwan's foreign reserves total-

led \$82.5 billion in February and

record \$89.5 billion last Septem-

lion in ioterest every month.

About 58 per cent of the reerves are deposited in U.S. dollars, 22 per cent in German totaled \$109.1 billion last marks, 14 per cent in Japanese September, dropped to \$66.75 yen and the remainder in other currencies, he said.

Mr. Shieh said Taiwan also had the world's 13th largest gold hold-\$83.2 billion in Marcb, It had a ing in May, totaling 13.5 million record \$89.5 billion last Septemounces worth \$5.1 billion.

Meanwhile, Taiwan will cut its Mr. Sbieh said Taiwan's re- long-term economic growth serves, deposited in 89 major target because of a weak global

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Cricket bat sends baseball

bandit running

SYDNEY (R) - A baseball batwielding bandit was sent running

when an Australian homeowner

hit him with a cricket bat, pofice

said Tuesday. Two bandits, one with a baseball bat and the other

a pickaxe handle, broke into the

house on Queensland's sunshine

coast only to be met by a man

armed with a cricket bat. "One of

the robbers was hit on the head

with the bat and we're checking

medical centres because he may

have needed attention," a police

Whitney Houston

overdose of pills

not treated for

spokesman said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

lliescu meets Arab envoys

BUCHAREST (Petra) - Romanian President fon Iliescu conferted here with Arab ambassadors accredited to Romania and attended a dinner banquet in his honour hosted by the Arab diplomatic mission doyen, the Lebanese ambassador to Romania. Discussion with the Romanian president covered ways to promote Arab-Romanian economic and trade links, regional and international affairs of common concern and the ongoing Middle East peace process. Romania's foreign minister Teodor Meliscanu attended the meeting along with a number of senior Romanian government officials

Black Sea Fleet officers reject split

MOSCOW (AFP) - Officers of the Black Sea Fleet Tuesday rejected an agreement by presidents Boris Yeltsin and Leonid Krachuk to divide up the powerful armada and said the entire fleet should be temporarily placed under Russia's jurisdiction. Interfax reported. Officers decided at an assembly at the fleet's home base of Sevastopol to hoist the Russian naval flag on all vessels, including warships, as of July 1 to protest the decision. In a statement, the seamen demanded that "commanders of the Black Sea Fleet make no attempt to order officers into splitting up the fleet. 'Officers will not take part in it," the statement said Russia and Ukraine earlier this monthagreed to speed up the dividing up of the fleet after about 200 vessels hoisted the Russian naval flag in protest over poor working conditions. Mr. Yeltsin and Mr. Kravchuk last year agreed to share the fleet up until 1995. Officers maintained that "joint use of the fleet must be dictated by the common interests of Russia, Ukraine and other countries of the CIS.'

Yeltsin's assembly convenes July 12

MOSCOW (AFP) - President Boris Yeltsin's Constituent Assembly will convene on July 12 in a bid to reach a consensus on a new fundamental law for Russia, Deputy Prime Minister Vladimir Shumeiko said Tuesday. The scheduled session, which Mr. Yeltsin Saturday said would be the "final" meeting of the 700-member assembly, will be called to discuss a proposed single draft charter that has emerged from working groups over the past four weeks, Mr. Shumeiko was reported as saying by ITAR-TASS. The draft constitution would do away with the old-guard parliament, the Congress of People's Deputies, replacing it with a smaller bicameral legislature, while boosting Mr. Yeltsin's presidential powers. Parliamentary Chairman Ruslan Khasbulatov, Mr. Yeltsin's chief political rival, has boycotted the assembly, charging at first that it was not legally authorised to decide on the new constitution and later raising corruption allegations against presidential aides involved in the drafting of the basic law.

Rebels claim capture of Angolan town

SAO TOME (R) - The Angolan rebel movement UNITA said Tuesday it had recaptured the north-eastern diamond mining town of Chingufo after a seven-day battle. UNITA radio. monitored in the island state Sao Tome and Principe, said 26 government troops and five Zairean mercenaries fighting with them were killed. The mines, operated by a Portuguese company, bad been defended by two government battalions and around 100 mercenaries, the radio said. The Angolan government had been trying to recapture diamond mines taken by UNITA since the movement took up arms again after rejecting its defeat in U.N.-supervised elections last September. Angola produced about \$600 million worth alluvial diamond last year, most of which were sold illegally across the border in neighbouring Zaire.
UNfTA (National Union for the Total Independence of Angola)
and the ruling MPLA (Popular Movement for the Liberation of
Angola) signed a peace agreement in 1991 ending fó years of civil war in the former Portuguese colony.

U.S.-N. Korea talks to resume July 14

WASHINGTON (AP) - U.S. and North Korean officials will meet in Geneva on July 14 to resume discussion of North Korea's nuclear programmes, the State Department announced. In their most recent talks in New York, which ended on June 11, North barring the development of nuclear weapons. But the question of international inspection of North Korean nuclear facilities was left unresolved. Assistant Secretary of State Robert Gallucci headed the U.S. delegation to the New York talks and will have the same role in Geneva. As before, Vice Foreign Minister Kang Sok Chu will lead the North Korean side. In March, the North Koreans said they planned to withdraw from the nuclear Non-Proliferation Freaty. In New York they reversed the decision just before the date when the withdrawal was to have taken effect.

Japan to boost anti-missile system

TOKYO (AFP) - Japan is to strengthen its defence capabilities in response to the threat from a new North Korean long-range missile, but will still have to rely on U.S. protection for some time, government sources said. "Japan is currently unable to defend itself against high-altitude missile attacks," Shigeru Hatakeyama, chief of the Defence Agency's Defence Bureau admitted recently before a commission of the upper house of the Japanese Diet. This admission of Japan's weakness comes after the successful testing of North Korea's new Nodong-1 missile whose 1.000-kilometre range would enable it to reach western Japan, including Osaka. "The Nodong-1, a development of the Soviet designed Scud-C. was launched May 29 from a base near Wonsan in southeast North Korea scoring a direct hit on a floating target in Sca of Japan. Japanese government sources said.

Malaysia to acquire MiGs and F-18s

KUALA LUMPUR (AFP) - Malaysia said Tuesday it would buy 18 Russian MiG-29 fighters and eight U.S. F/A 18 Homets to bolster its air force, while insisting it would not alter the military balance in the region. The U.S. embassy here welcomed the decision to purchase the Hornets but analysts said the surprise compromise would give Moscow a significant foothold in South East Asia's lucrative arms market. Defence Minister Najib Tun Razak told a news conference that detailed negotiations with the Mikoyan Design Bureau and McDonnell Douglas, respective manufacturers of the two aircraft, would begin soon. He said the value of the purchase was still subject to negotiations, but defence sources said it could cost at least two billion Malaysian dollars

Spain's Socialists still seek allies

MADRID (AP) - Spanish lawmakers took their seats in parliament Tuesday, the first time in more than a decade a new legislature opened with the Socialists unable to run the show alone. The Socialists, who have controlled parliament singlehandedly since coming to power in 1982, were able to win only 159 of 350 seats in the key lower house of parliament in the June a general elections. With Spain facing a plethora of economic woes. the opening of parliament was a brief respite in acting Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez's ongoing attempts to find legislarive allies for his Socialist Party. King Juan Carlos was expected to begin consultations Wednesday with the leaders of several parties with an eye towards asking one of them - almost certainly Mr. Gonzalez -- to form a government. Mr. Gonzalez is expected to announce his ministerial choices by mid-July.

Scandal rocks Chinese army

PEKING (AFP) - In a rare disclosure, an official report Tuesday said Chinese authorities had uncovered a massive corruption scandal within the army, with nearly 300 officials already implicated. The scandal involving more than 43 army units at regiment level and above, concerns the illegal sale of falsified papers identifying workers as demobilised soldiers, the Press Digest reported. Demobilised soldiers aree given priority in employment and housing, and their status is much sought after. The racket took place in Jinxi, in China's northwestern Liaoning province, and first came to light in April, the official newspaper said. More than three million yuan (\$520,000) in bribes changed hands, according to initial investigations.

Fighting rages as Bosnia presidency discusses partition

SARAJEVO (R) - Muslim troops said they were desperately fighting combined Serb-Croat forces in central Bosnia Tuesday as state leaders arrived in Sarajevo to discuss a plan to carve up the republic.

A weeping Muslim officer, de-claring "we lost it," said his forces suffered heavy casualties when Serb tanks overran the village of Novi Seher 10 kilometres north of Zepce, triggering a flood

of Muslim refugees.

But Sarajevo Radio said Muslim-led government troops smashed through Croat lines surrounding Zepce, 70 kilometres northwest of the capital, and lifted a blockade against other Muslim forces trapped in the area during days of fighting. Seven members of the collec-

tive presidency arrived in the Serb-besieged capital and conferred at the presidency building on a three-way partition plan rebel Serbs and Croats discussed with peace mediators in Geneva Mon-

day.
Yugoslav peace mediators Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg arrived in Zagreb Tuesday for a meeting with Bosnia's collective presidency on a partition peace plan.

New

hurts

scandal

Japan's

suspected bribery.

TOKYO (R) - Japan's scandal-

wracked ruling party, facing the real prospect of defeat in July 18

polls, suffered yet another set-

back Tuesday with the arrest of a

conservative regional leader for

The governing Liberal Demo-

cratic Party (LDP), its popularity

almost halved due to widespread

public anger over official corrup-

tion, stands to lose heavily as a

result of the latest scandal de-

State prosecutors were shown

on television arresting Sendai

Mayor Toru Isbii — known for his close ties to LDP leaders —

following reports he allegedly

took bribes from four construc-

tion firms seeking to win public

and Tokyo corporate offices, au-

thorities arrested nine suspects -

Mr. fshii, two of bis aides, Haza-

ma Corp Chairman Shigeru Hon-

da and President Akira Kagami,

and four senior executives from

Shimizu Corp, Nishimatsu Con-

struction and Mitsui Construc-

Mr. Ishii, 67, will be charged

on suspicion of taking 100 million

yen (\$945,000) in payoffs from

the firms in April 1992 in ex-

change for promising to help

them win the contracts, NHK

public television and other media

Mr. Ishii, a conservative who

won election late last year with backing from the LDP and

opposition groups, could have been seeking funds for his elec-

The public works project.

worth 100 billion yen (\$945 mil-

lion) over 10 years, involved re-

developing Sendai's harbour, and

building trade and distribution

The latest episode in Japan's

political corruption saga puts the

spotlight once again on ties be-

tween influential politicians and

big business.
The LDP's fallen paymaster,

Shin Kanemaru, is alleged to

have bidden away billions of yen

(tens of millions of dollars) in

payoffs, mostly from construction

firms, in return for political

favours. His trial will begin on

Prosecutors, who refused com-

ment on Tuesday's case in keep-

ing with policy, discovered the

Sendai link while checking con-

struction firms for their alleged

payoffs to Mr. Kanemaru over

gusted by their party's failure to

clean up the nation's money-

driven politics, launched two cen-

tre-right parties - Shinseito

(Japan Renewal Party) and Shin-

to Sakigake (Harbinger New Par-

ty) - in hopes of winning the

support of jaded voters next

Polls this week showed support

for the LDP, now a minority

party in the decision-making low-

er house, has plunged almost 20

points in two weeks to hover

around 20 per cent.

the past four months.

centres.

tion bid, some reports said.

After raiding Sendai City Hall

leadership, including Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic and his deputy Ejup Ganic, met in Sarajevo to discuss Serb-Croatian proposals to divide Bosnia into three ethnie semi-autonomous re-

Lord Owen said earlier he thought the Bosnian presidency could reach a common decision within days on the new confederation plan.
"I would be surprised if they

came to a decision today in Sarajevo because they have already organised another meeting in five days' time. I think that is more likely to be the decision making time," he told reporters in Brussels. He was there for a meeting

with Belgian Foreign Affairs Minister Willy Claes. Belgium takes over the presidency of the European Community on July 1 for six months.
U.N. Protection Force (UN-

PROFOR) sources said the two mediators had both left Zagreb Airport for force headquarters. where Mr. Stoltenberg planned to meet fellow Swede and outgoing U.N. Commander-in-Chief General Lars-Eric Wahlgren for a briefing on the war zones.

nian forces kept up attacks Tues-

day in the north and east of

Mardakert, the last Azerbaijani

bastion in the disputed enclave.

The continuous military press-

ure was reported by finterfax

news agency, citing the Azerbai-

Armenian forces overnight approached several localities in Azerbaijani, north of Mardakert,

in a district adjoining Gyandzha,

Azerbaijan's second city which is

still held by renegade chief Col-

Over to the east in the Agdam

region, Armenians had cut the

road from there to Mardakert

and had practically surrounded

But Armenian self-defence

force sources quoted by Interfax

denied any attack at Agdam. .

They also said that for the

moment they did not actually

occupy Mardakert where entry

points had apparently been mined by the Azerbaijanis. The

latter seemed to have evacuated

the town without a fight, fnterfax

Russian Television reported

Tuesday that Azerbaijan had sent

urgent reinforcement to the two

reported combat zones, where

the Armenians were said to be

Col. Guscinov's rebels said

they would head for the two

battlefronts, but Armenian milit-

ary sources said they had seen no

JOHANNESBURG (R) -

and right-wing leaders met to

assess the damage done to their

bargaining position by followers

who disrupted democracy talks

A police spokesman said a total

of 25 rightists were now in deten-

tion in connection with invading

the site of the talks, the World

Trade Centre on the outskirts of

In a session of the talks Tues-

day negonators discussed setting

up a commission of inquiry into

the invasion, in which supporters

of the Afrikaner People's Front

(AVF) used an armoured car to

smash their way into the building.

They were demanding a separate

white homeland for Afrikaners.

Leaders of the AVF, an

last Friday.

Jobannesburg.

implanted in strength.

Agdam, the ministry said.

jani, Defence Ministry.

onel Suret Guseinov.

Under sniper fire, British soldiers run from their Warrior armoured vehicle Monday minutes after hitting an anti-tank mine near Zepce. The Warrior, carrying Lt.Col. Alastair Duncan, commander of

There was no immediate word state. whether they planned to fly to Sarajevo later Tuesday or await the return of some Bosnian presidency members to Zagreb later

Mr. Izetbegovic and Mr. Ganic both oppose the plan, terming it equal to genocide, while the remaining members appeared divided over whether to accept a confederation for a future Bosnia, or insist on a single Bosnian

Karabakh Armenians keep up pressure

Meanwhile, depleted in num-

ber and bitter in spirit, Azerbai-

government's last foothold in

Nagomo-Karabakh nursed their

wounds Monday in the small

A devastating Armenian offen-

sive forced the Azerbaijani batta-

lion to flee 14 kilometres north

along the only escape route left

open, to the outskirts of Tartar.

The Azerbaijani defeat, which

followed the collapse of the cen-

tral government in Baku, may

mark a milestone in the five-year

war for control of Nagomo-

Although the enclave was

administered by Azerbaijan dur-

ing the Soviet era, it is inhabited

largely by Armenians who want

appeared to bring the separatists

closer to their goal. Azerbaijani

soldiers fled, leaving behind many of their dead and wounded.

along with deadly weapons that

had helped them defend Mar-

dakert from sporadic Armenian

attacks since its recapture last

Azerbaijani soldiers Monday

were manning makeshift roadb-

locks and cursing their political

leaders, including Col. Guseinov,

rebellion that drove elected Presi-

cuss last Friday's events and the

Rightwing sources said the meeting would look at the politic-

al damage from the invasion,

which has been condemned by

the United Nations and most

political groups in South Africa.

to be distancing themselves from

the AWB, which led the assault

a plot by armed rightists to free

detainees from police cells in the

black township of Soweto and

had moved them to a place of

political prisoners are in prisons

normally reserved for blacks.

The only cells available for

maximum security.

on the World Trade Centre.

Some AVF members appeared

Police said they had uncovered

capital Baku this month.

Police arrest more S. African rightists

subsequent arrests.

The latest Armenian offensive

town of Tartar.

Karabakh.

summer.

South African police arrested ance Movement (AWB), met in a

four more white rightists Tuesday secret location in Pretoria to dis-

their own state.

MOSCOW (Agencies) — Arme- buildup of Azerbaijani forces.

Nagomo-Karabakh after taking jani troops who had held their

The seven include three progovernment Serbs, three Croats and one Muslim, Fikret Abdic. Late Monday they said they stillfavoured a single Bosnian state but wanted to discuss some proposals by Lord Owen, including

Mr. Abdic is tipped as a possi-ble successor if Mr. Izetbegovic is

removed. Diplomats in Geneva said

terly to the loss of Mardakert, a

city which symbolised their deter-

mination never to give up Kara-

Just two tanks managed to

bakh to Armenians,

the British UNPROFOR troops in central Bosnia, was investigating reports of heavy fighting in the area (AFP photo)

should go into effect if the Muslims sign the plan to form three confederated states.

Serbs and Croats had agreed that a ceasefire in the 15-month war

Serb leader Radovan Karadzic is offering the Muslims 30 per

cent of territory, probably around Sarajevo and the northwestern enclave of Bihac but mediators insist Bosnia's majority Muslim people be given enough land to make a viable state.

Haiti talks appear back

democracy from collapse, sources

escape the Armenian offensive and take up positions defending "If the Armenians want this town, there's little to stop them,"

said the town's mayor, Serdal The commander of the brigade that defended Mardakert, Eyaz

Jeferov, said he was "hugely outnumbered" both in troops and equipment. He estimated Azerbaijani troop losses as 30 dead and 170 missing Sunday. , One of his soldiers who managed to escape, Mebmet Gundo-

du, a 25-year-old volunteer from Istanbul, Turkey, said "if we had stayed, we all would have been killed." Turkey, a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), denies direct involvement in the conflict.

It was unclear whether the Armenians, having captured all but a few villages in Nagomo-Karabakh, intended to pursue their offensive into Azerbaijan

released. A police spokesman said he did not know if any

charges had been laid since the

first arrests were made Sunday

At the weekend ANC Presi-

dent Nelson Mandela rejected

the white-wing demand for

autonomy before black majority

predicted trouble if right-wing

emands are not met.

But the Conservative Party has

The black radical Pan African-

ist Congress (PAC) meanwhile

has refused to abandon guerrilla

war as demanded by the govern-

ment and other negotiating par-

Roelf Meyer said the PAC's posi-

tion was unacceptable and he

would ask the negotiating council

Chief government negotiator

who led the successful military. dent Abulfaz Elcibey from the

"They only talk while we have proper.

to do the fighting," spat Malik Asperov, one of the exhausted soldiers who fled Mardakert. on track Complaining of dwindling supplies, lack of reinforcements and low morale, Mr. Asperov asked, 'why doesn't Surat come here Azerbaijanis were reacting bit-

even met face-to-face.

Earlier, foreign diplomats on hand at secluded Governors fs-

voy to the negotiations, Lawrence Pezzullo, then intervened in an attempt to persuade the milit-

After the meeting, diplomats

"I have just received some indications that allow me to say

hours of talks Sunday and Mon-day between Mr. Caputo and Gen. Cedras, the general apparently was adamant about maintaining other army command officers in their posts, even if he himself agreed to resign.

The agenda Gen. Cedras seems unwilling to discuss includes a date for Mr. Aristide's return, the resignation of the army high command, the transfer of power to a democratic government, the deployment of an international police force and the appointment of a new prime minister.

on condition of anonymity, said, we are waiting to see if we have

- diplomats NEW YORK (R) - Apparent

willingness by Haiti's army strongman at least to consider stepping aside saved talks on restoring close to the negotiations re-But roadblocks remain in talks

in which the two protagonists, President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and General Raoul Cedras, the man who overthrew him in a September 1991 coup, have not

land off Manhattan, said Gen. Cedras gave no hint that he would consider stepping down and insisted that he maintain control of the army.
The United States special en-

said Gen. Cedras seemed willing at least to consider resigning. That indication apparently rescued the talks and prompted the key United Nations mediator. Dante Caputo, to say there was a hasis for continuing the negotia-

the negotiations are still going on," Mr. Caputo told reporters as he shuttled between the general's billet and that of Mr. Aristide. But despite more than seven

"We would never accept a

solution that excludes us," one of Gen. Cedras' associates said.

An Aristide adviser, speaking

The rightists are being held to take steps against the organisaumbrella group which includes the Conservative Party (CP) and under a law which says they must China vows to battle with West over human rights

the ultra-right Afrikaner Resist- be charged within 48 hours or

PEKING (Agencies) — China vowed Tuesday to wage a longterm battle against human rights pressure from Western powers, and gloated over its leading role in foiling their efforts to internationalise the issue.

fn a scathing front-page com-mentary, the Communist Party's "Voters are fed up with corrupnon...this development will official newspaper, People's Daiprompt them to switch their suply, accused the West of trying to port from existing (ruling and force" its values on the developopposition) groups to newly emerged parties," said political scientist Rei Shiratori of Tokai ing world at the U.N. World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna. University.

Last week LDP rebels, dis-

"The fight between the majority of developing countries and a small number of Western countries over the question of human rights will be long term," the commentary said.

"All countries have the right to determine their own political system, developmental path and values," it said. "Other countries have no right to interfere."

The commentary mentioned no Western countries by name but was clearly aimed at the United States, which accused Peking and other developing countries of

acting as "renegades" in Vienna. Western countries pursuing a policy of "power politics" had tried to internationalise human rights and created obstacles at the conference, which ended last Friday, the newspaper said. It attributed the conference's success to the flexible attitude of the developing countries.

"A small number of Western countries plotted to use the conference to legitimise and systematise their human rights values and interference," it said.
But they "failed to completely

get their way". it said, pointing out that a U.S. bid to set up a U.N. human rights watchdog and a world human rights court were put off. The reaffirmation in the con-

ference's declaration of a country's right to development was hailed by the commentary as a victory. The notion is the basis of China's stance on human rights.

China's representative at Vienna, Vice Foreign Minister Liu Huaqiu, said that "human rights tion" if priority is not given to economic development.

Meanwhile, police detained an Australian reporter and three Shanghai dissidents, two of whom she was planning to meet, the reporter and dissidents said Monday. One dissident, Fu Shengi, re-

mained in custody Monday evening, and family members said his wife had disappeared. Mr. Fu's arrest Saturday occurred while Australian Prime Minister Paul Keating was in town.

Allie Moore, a reporter for the Australian Broadcasting Corp., was in Shanghai to cover Mr. Keating's visit. After his departure early Sunday, she went to the home of veteran dissident Yang Zhou for a previously arranged meeting with him and two other dissidents, Wang Fuchen and Bao Ge.

When she got to Mr. Yang's bome, at least four police officers were waiting for her. On the pretext that there was something wrong with her Chinese residence are completely out of the ques- permit and press card, they took to go outside.

her to a police starion and held her for three bours before letting her return to her hotel. At her hotel, Shanghai Foreign

affairs officials told Ms. Moore she had violated regulations governing foreign journalists' activities by not going through their office to arrange her interviews. Ms. Moore was allowed to return to Peking by plane as planned that evening.

The Australian embassy said in a statement Monday, "it is regrettable that a journalist has been detained in the conduct of what was apparently normal activity.

Shanghai dissidents said Monday that Mr. Yang and Mr. Wang were detained Sunday before the planned meeting with Ms. Moore, and that Mr. Bao fled when someone tried to grab him near his home.

Mr. Bao said Monday that he has not left his home since that incident, and that he has notified his employers that he would not go to work until he felt it was safe NEW YORK (AP) — A lawyer for Whitney Houston has demied a published report that the pop singer was treated at a hospital after overdosing on prescription diet pills. The hospital said there was no record of her there. "She has never taken a diet pill in her life." said the lawyer, Sheldon Platt. "She's outraged. She's hurt." The New York Post re-

ported that Houston, 29, spent 90 minutes Thursday at Miami Beach's Mount Sinai Hospital, where she was diagnosed with acute heart arrhythmia, apparently brought on by incor-rect dosage of diet pills. "Sbe has never been to a hospital in Florida," countered Mr. Platt. "She is not sick. She was rehearsing on Thursday, in front of a lot of people." "It is a total fabrication," he said. "There is absolutely no basis in fact. The article is completely wrong — not in-nacurate — completely out of whack. None of this has happened." The hospital also said its records show no such visit. We've checked extensively, and we have no record of her being here," said Mount Sinai spokeswoman Gayle Farber. Asked if Ms. Houston could have checked in under another name, Ms. Farber said, "I'm sure somebody would have recognised her." Post editor Ken Chandler was in a staff meeting and could not be

Corrupt officials must perform stomach sit-ups'

reached for comment this after-

noon. However, his office said the Post planned to issue a state-

NEW-DELHf (R) - The chief minister of the eastern Indian state of Bihar forced officials who misused government funds to perform sit-ups in public, the United News of India reported Tuesday. Chief Minister Laloo officials during a surprise inspection of development projects in the state capital Patna, the news agency said. It did not say how many officials were punished or how many sit-ups they were made to perform.

3 arrested in S. Korean beauty contest scandal

SEOUL (R) - Prosecutors investigating the mire of corruption in South Korean public life said Tuesday they had arrested the organiser of the annual Miss Korea Beauty Pageant on suspi-cion of taking bribes and fixing the results. Kim Chong-lk, former executive director of the Hankook libo newspaper, which organises the annual beauty contest, was arrested Monday for allegedly taking bribes and rig-ging the results of the contest for the past four years. He was charged with taking 90 million won (\$112,000) in bribes, including 30 million won (\$37,000) from the mother of Suh Jong-Min, winner of the f990 pageant. Ha Jong-Sun, a beauty parlour owner in Seoul who acted as a chaperone to Ms. Suh and who was alleged to have delivered the money to Mr. Kim, was arrested and Ms. Suh's mother was being questioned, a prosecution spokesman said. Park Ok-Hwi, a beauty parlour owner in the southeastern city of Kyongju, was arrested for forging the identifica-tion card of a 17-year-old high school girl who was too young to compete in this year's contest. Participants in the event should be aged between 18 and 23. The Hankook libo Tuesday carried an apology over the scandal and pledged a thorough review of the annual contest.

Magistrate sacked for bad handwriting

HARARE (R) - A Zimbabwean magistrate guilty of poor penmanship has been fired from the bench in a decision which he charged went against the letter of the law. "I have to admit I have a bad handwriting but that is not a moral fault of mine." Roy Wilson was quoted as saying by the Zimbabwean News Agency, ZIANA He said a letter sacking him cited three cases in which transcripts were delayed because of prob-lems in deciphering his writing. Calling his dismissal unfair, Mr. Wilson said he would take his case to the High Court, ZIANA

After air crash, Zambia mounts NBA draft new World Cup challenge

LUSAKA, Zambia (AP) — Two months after 18 of its top soccer players died in a plane crash, Zambia resumes its bid Sunday for a berth in next year's World

Cup.
Morocco plays Zambia at Independence Stadium, where eight weeks ago a funeral was held for the palyers killed in the April 28 crash.

The 18 players, along with 11 others, died when their Zambian Air Force cargo plane crashed off the coast of Gabon en route to a World Cup qualifying match in Senegal.

Players on the flight had been inbilant after a 3-0 victory over Manritius in the Africa Cup of Earlier wins against Namibia

and Madagascar in qualifying rounds brought Zambia closer than ever to reaching the World Cup. In order to advance, Zambia must finish first in a series of games against Morocco and

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"We are going to beat Morocco, and Senegal after that," said Winston Gumbo, chairman of the Football Association of Zambia. 'I am feeling very good about our

overcomes

basketball

BERLIN (AP) - Athanasios

Galakteros' 3-point play with two seconds left Monday lifted

Greece to a 76-75 victory over

previously unbeaten Spain at

the European Basketball

Italy, a power in European

basketball and the silver

medalist in 1991, was elimin-

ated from the tournament after

being trounced 95-69 by Rus-

The final two spots in the

eight-team field for the finals

were wrapped np Monday

when Germany beat Turkey

77-64 and Bosnia-Herzegovina

Despite resting several star-

ters. Croatia breezed past

Estonia 98-80 for its sixth win

Bosnia-Herzegovina's win

over Latvia was led by Sabahu-

din Bilalovic with 36 points and Mario Primorac with 25. Both

centres have averaged over 28

points-a-game during the

France climinated Belgium'

83-65. The team has lost only

one game - 100-95 in over-

Russia got 24 points from

Sergej Bazarevich and 23 from

centre Andrej Fetisow in the

win over Italy, which collapsed after leading 48-44 at the half.

Both vulnerable. South deals.

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Opening lead: ? The 1992 World Bridge Olympi-

ad, held in Salsomaggiore, Italy, at the end of August, had a new look

about it. Taking part for the first

time were several "new" countries, including the Confederation of In-

dependent States (formerly part of

the USSR), Croatia and Slovenia.

Terence Reese once wrote: "There is no such thing as a blind

opening lead; just deaf opening lead-ers." With no clue other than the

GOREN BRIDGE

DEAD FROM THE START

beart slam.

bidding, Ashok Ruis of India, in the

West seat, came up with a brilliant opening lead against an opposing

Played from the North side, six

no trump, six hearts or six diamonds could not be defeated. With South as declarer at six hearts, the defend-

ers had a shot.
From the bidding, it was obvious

From the bidding, it was covous that North had a very strong hand. A player who jumps to Blackwood over partner's opening bid usually has first or second-round control of all the side suits. Since West was short in clubs, he decided that North was more likely to have the

North was more likely to have the

king of chubs than a singleton.

Therefore West attacked with the six of chubs! He found the perfect

North did hold the king of clubs and declarer held the jack. Since the un-

derlead of an ace against a slam is witteelly unheard of, declarer natu-rally chose to play low from the table. East was rather surprised to

find that the queen of clubs won the

first trick, but not too astonished to neglect to return a club, which net-

d the first two tricks for the

Note that, with any other lead, 12

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tournament.

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The new squad, featuring a few to-back victories against super top players who were not on the league teams Lyngby and Silkedoomed flight and amateurs borg.

"They have a heavy burden on "They have trained and played against top club teams in Denmark.

Kalusha Bwalya, who plays in Europe and was travelling separately in April, said the new squad must overcome the tragedy.

"If we lose or tie against Morocco, we will continue to be under pressure, both inside of us and outside," said Bwalya, a midfielder with the Dutch team PSY Eindhoven. "The earlier the victory, the better."

After a week of mourning for the crash victims in soccer-obs sed Zambia, local officials accepted a \$400,000 six-week training and accommodation package in Denmark for the new squad. Coach Freddie Mwilia said building the team far from home helped remove pressure.

The Zambians were attached to Brondby, a member of the Danish super league and considered one of the country's best

The rebuilt Zambian team most lost its first match, 4-1, to Brondby, then gained a 3-3 draw said. "We're bac in a rematch before scoring back-the World Cup."

Orlando Magic gears

up for

believed to be Chris Webber, a

6-foot-9 (2.1-metre) power for-ward from Michigan, and Shawn Bradley, a 7-6 (2.3-metre) centre

from Brigham Young, a longshot could be Jamal Mashburn, a 6-8

(2-metre) froward from Ken-

Since 1966, only five guards have been selected with the No. 1

overall pick in the NBA draft.

Magic Johnson was the last, in

1979, when he left Michigan State

This year, the draft is stop-heavy

with size, but some of the best

players are guards.
Billy McKinney, the director of

player personnel for the Detroit

guards.
"People are saying that this

Picking behind Orlando are the

Philadelphia 76ers and the Gol-

den State Warriors. The Sixers

have already declared their inten-

tion to choose Bradley if he's

available. Otherwise they'll

Golden State would love to

have Bradley, but they'll prob-

ably have to choose between

Mashburn and guard Anfernce

After that, a lot of teams will

begin looking harder at the

They include Hardaway,

Duke's Bobby Hurley, UNLV's J.R. Rider, Seton Hall's Terry

Dehere, Tennessee's Allan Hous-

ton, Jackson State's Lindsey

Hunter and Alabama's James

The best-known among the

guards, of course, is Hurley. He

led Duke to three NCAA final

four appearances and two nation-

all the seniors," Washington Bul-

let's general manager John Nash

ership, determination and poise."

They're just not sure he'll still be

available when their turn comes

at Nos. 10 and 11.

plishment.'

Penalty-saving king

recalls feats

Argentina's penalty-saving king Sergio Goycochea recalled

memories of his 1990 World Cup

feats with a curcial save in the

Copa America post-match shoot-

out against Classic rivals Brazil.

Boiadeiro gave Argentina a 6-5 victory on penalties after a 1-1

draw and put the holders into a

semifinal with Colombia Thurs-

"The most emotional shoot-out

was against Italy because it was a

World Cup and it meant we reached the final," Goycochea, called "Goyco" by his team

mates, said in an interview on

Goycochea saved two penalties

against Italy in a semifinal shoot-

out in Naples in July 1990 after

Diego Maradona's Argentina beld the World Cup hosts 1-1

He first hit the headlines when

he came on as a substitute at a

crucial moment in the first round

Monday.

after extra time.

Goycochea's save from

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador (R) - ion.

The Pistons like Hurley, too.

"He surpassed Dennis Rod-

Probably the best guard in the

draft is the flamboyant Hard-

away, the biggest and flashiest

point guard since Magic Johnson

Nery Pumpido, goalkeeper of Argentina's 1986 World Cup-

winning side, broke his leg in a

collision with a team mate and

Goycochea weathered a Soviet

storm before his side settled

down and went on to win 2-0.

Argentina to a surprise second

round 1-0 win over Brazil in

Turin, Goycochea save two

penalties in a quarter-final shoot-

Goycochea, who has never lost

out against Yugoslavia after a 0-0

a shoot-out playing for his conn-try, said that his save from Boiadeiro Sunday was possibly

"The Brazilian players are the most difficult (to face), at least on

Goycochea, who turns 30 in

He has saved eight penalties

for Argentina, seven in shoot-

draw in Florence.

paper," he said.

Olimpa of Paraguay.

his best.

group clash with the Soviet Un- outs, in 30 internationals.

After helping struggling

man in some of the strength and conditioning workouts," McKin-ney said. "That's quite an accom-

"He's the best point guard of

"Hurley shows terrifie lead-

Hardaway of Memphis State,

many players last year."

choose Webber.

Robinson.

their shoulders.... The best way to take their thoughts away from the tragedy was by training, train-ing and training," said Emil Bak-kendorf, a Brondby official.

He said the players quickly adapted to different styles of play used in Europe. International experience came from Bwalya and fellow professional Linos Mak-

"They are now playing more thoughtfully, more tactical-ly...they are doing great," Bakke-dorf said in an interview in "They are definitely a World Cup team now."

After the Morocco match Sunday, Zambia takes on South Africa on July 11 and Zimbabwe on July 26 in the Africa Cup of Nations competition.
Gumbo said the squad may

travel to France or Germany after that for further training before the next World Cup encounter in Senegal Aug. 7.

"Everyone has worked hard

and made great sacrifices," he said. "We're back on course for

Lemond's career in question

PARIS (AP) - Greg Lemond made cycling history. Now his career may be history.

The three-time Tour de France champion won't even make it to the starting line this year because of an energy-sapping allergy - the latest in a series of mishaps and failures that have plagued Lemond the last three years and raised questions about his future as a top

This season, the 32-year-old American has displayed none of the form that helped him win cycling's most prestigious race in 1986, 1989

Lemond has provided some of the greatest thrills at the Tour de France, including the breathtaking final time trial in 1989 when he edged Frenchman Laurent Fignon by eight seconds, the closest finish in the tour's history.

Later that year, be won the Cycling World Championship for the second time, and the following year he won his third Tour de France. But it's been downhill since then.

In 1991, be suffered from an infection and finished seventh in the tour. Last year, he complained of exhanstion and dropped out in the Alps. After the race, he took some time off from cycling.

"I needed the rest," Lemond said. "I was really burned out. I was shattered physically.

Lemond vowed to come back strong this year. He set up base at his second home in Belgium, brought his family over from Minnesota and commuted to races.

But, he admitted, "when you get older, other things become more important in your life. Cycling is not the No. 1 priority to a cyclist

who has a wife and kids. Instead of climbing back to the top, Lemond dropped out of races on the first climb. He was almost 21/2 behind in the Tour of Italy when

be finally dropped out in the next-to-last stage. Lemond suffered stomach aches and dysentery shortly before withdrawing from the Italian race. The press attributed his dismal

performance to lack of preparation. Lemond did not comment. Another try at a low-key race in Southern France found him gasping, 39 minutes behind, after the first climb. That caused him to return to Belgium for further medical tests.

"We knew from the first tests that Greg suffers from a chronic weakness and doesn't recuperate from his efforts," said his team director, Roger LeGeay.

There was a time when Lemond could ride in top form, day after day, while other cyclists would falter at least once. It's hard to reconcile those memories with the cyclist who struggled

np a mountain last July, far behind the main group. Lemond slowly coasted to a stop, tried to avoid pursuing photographers, and escaped to the safety of his team car, looking exhausted and beaten.

At the time, it seemed his career might be over. Now, it may be.

Agassi advances; Navratilova eyes 10th title

WIMBLEDON (Agencies) — Andre Agassi continued the detitle by putting down the muscular challenge of Giant Dutchman Richard Krajicek to reach the ball, I'm going out there to win quarter-finals Monday.

ball, I'm going out there to win and I feel confident about my quarter-finals Monday.

The 23-year-old American chances," he said. No. 1 choice title-holder had set points against him in the second and third set tie-breaks but produced some in-AUBURN HILLS, Michigan credible shots in crucial situations (AP) — Every year it's the same story: Big men get chosen first in the NBA draft. to pull off a 7-5, 7-6, 7-6 victory. He won the two tie-breaks 9-7 and 10-8.

This year, it'll be the same The eighth seed will meet world number one and top seed story. The only question is this: Will it be a big man or a giant Pete Sampras, his compatriot who suffered a recurrence of the Barring a trade, the answer will shoulder injury that almost kept be provided by the Orlando Magic Wednesday night at the Palace. Their top two choices are him out of the championships but who still beat the last British

challenger, Andrew Foster, 6-1 6-2 7-6. An all-German quarter-final between the protagonists in the 1991 final, Boris Becker and Michael Stich, was set up earlier when both scored fourth-round

victories. Becker, seeded fourth, con-tinued his grass-court mastery over flamboyant Frenchman Henri Leconte with a 6-4, 6-4, 3-6 6-3 victory while Stich, the sixth seed, eliminated 11th -seeded

Czech Petr Korda 7-6, 6-4, 7-6, Those two clashes are in the top half of the draw. At the other end, second and third seeds Stefan Edberg and Jim Courier got through and will face unseeded opposition in the last eight.

Pistons, has 15 players on his short list. Seven of them are Edberg ousted American Richard Matuszewski 7-6, 6-2, 6-2 and will play Frenchman Cedyear's draft crop isn't as good as ric Pioline, a 6-3, 6-2 3-6 6-7, 8-6 the brinch from last year."
McKinney said. "But I think it's
maybe unfair to compare this
year with last year. There were so victor over Australian Wally

Courier proved once again that playing grass-court tennis from the baseline can work as he beat South African serve-and-volleyer Wayne Ferreira 4-6, 7-6, 7-5, 6-4.

His next opponent will be Todd Martin, winner of an all-American battle against David Wheaton, 6-4, 5-7, 5-7, 7-5, 6-3. The day's only noset came in

the women's singles where Helena Sukova of the Czech republic, seeded 15th, surprised Spanish third seed Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario 6-3, 6-4. Agassi, who nearly missed the championships because of tendi-

nitis in his wrist that sidelined him for two months, probably surprised even himself with his play against Krajicek. "I felt I played all right at the

important times but it was a question of having a little luck on

key match for me to get through "Pete's serve isn't as big so I finat defence of his Wimbledon know I'll have more of a play at it. However, he moves extremely well: With the way I'm hitting the

> Sampras breezed through two sets against Foster, who is ranked 332nd in the world, but his shoul-

der suffered in the process.

The injury that left his participation in doubt before the tournament flared up again and he required anti-inflammatory spray treatment by ATP physiotherapist Bill Norris at the change of ends during the final

"I went out there a little cold because 1 was watching the Wheaton match. 1 felt a little twinge but I've had treatment and doesn't feel too bad.

By Wednesday 1 should be in good shape." Becker's triumph over Leconte

earned him a chance of revenge gainst Stich, who beat him in the 1991 final and in the quarterfinals of the Queen's Club event in London earlier this month.

Sukova, who missed two months of tennis when she broke a bone in a foot running earlier this year, beat Sanchez Vicario with the sort of form that earned her quarter-final spots each year from 1985 to 1988.

"I knew the surface would favour me because 1 like it and it's not her favourite," the tall Czech said.

Sanchez, who has won four tournaments this year, was not even upset at losing to her doubles partner,

She said she had stomach trouble before and during the match, leaving the court at one point to

be physically sick. The top two seeds, Steffi Graf and Martina Navratilova, continued towards their widely predicted meeting in the final. Graf, winner of the title four times, had her toughest battle yet in a 6-1, 6-4 victory over American Mere-

dith McGrath but has still lost only eight games in four matches. Nine-times champion Navratilova beat Nathalie Tauziat of France 6-1 6-3 and has dropped 12 games.

WIMBLEDON NOTEBOOK Monica Seles, sidelined from

tennis after being stabbed by a disturbed German spectator in April, could be well enough to play at the U.S. Open in September. Seles's agent slammed press



Martina Navratilova, who has her sights set on a record 10th singles title at Wimbledon, shields her eyes from strong sunlight during her match against Nathalie Tauziat (AFP photo)

my side in two sets," he said, reports the Yugoslav had withdoing himself considerable injus-

Just when Krajicek seemed likely to level the match in the second set tie-break, Agassi somehow produced a winning forehand pass off an impossibly spinning volley that he seemed unlikely even to reach to get back to 5-5. Then he won the set with a top-spin forehand drive under the advancing Dutchman's racket.

Agassi again saved set point in the third set tie-break at 7-6 with a forehand kill of a short return and he faced another at 8-7 on Krajicek's serve but forced a vol-

ley error. Victory came on a blazing first serve - off his now-standard reduced service motion - that Krajicek netted.

Agassi rightly saw the match as a clash of Krajicek's serve with his return. "If I were not returning well, there's a problem. There'd be no chance against a

guy like him.
"He came with his strength and
1 with mine. I didn't always conect cleanly but 1 made some big returns at the right times," he

October, is returning to his first olub River Plate next season from Agassi said he felt the lack of match competition could have been a problem against the Dutchman. "You know, it was a big move for me today. It was a

drawn from any further tour events this year.

Seles, who has lost her world

number one spot to Steffi Graf since the attack, is recovering in Florida. The local hairdressers in

Wimbledon village report plenty of players have popped in for a trim during the championships so far, Andre Agassi, however, has not yet been in to have his nowinfamous chest hair shaved again. "We haven't seen him yet," said David, the head stylist." As for shaving his chest, all 1 can say is rather him than me."

The average age of the eight women in Tuesday's quarter-finals is just under 24. Martina Navratilova is the oldest at 36 and Jennifer Capriati the youngest at 17. Two of the eight share an April 16 birthday — Natalia Zvereva was born that day in 1971, one year before Conchita Martinez.

The postcard stall at the All England Club displays an array of tasteful period pictures, depicting tennis in days gone by. It is not the victorian ladies' singles that are selling best, however, but myriad shots of Andre Agassi. "Boring isn't it," the stallholder remarked. The grounds also boast a chem-

ist shop which is having trouble

A delighted Andre Agassi salutes his army of fans after defeating

Richard Krajicek (AFP photo)

keeping up with demand for sun- invented a tennis racket with a tan lotion after seven sunny days. rotating handle that he claims can assistant said, adding headache pills were also selling fast.

The 40 first aid volunteers a six-sided grip instead of the attending the championships traditional eight. It also lets playwere treating one person every three minutes for the effects of heat. A spokeswoman said some spectators get so engrossed in the tennis they forget to eat or drink. This year there was also a greater number of cases of "Wimbledon neck" - because there was more uninterrupted tennis to watch.

There's a nasty bug in the women's draw. Third seed Aranxta Sanchez Vicario had to leave the court after half and hour of her match against Helena Sukova to be sick. Anke Huber, seeded nine, complained of a cough and a fever after her match with Gabriela Sabatini and said she felt only 60 per cent fit. Both women lost.

Stefan Edberg, pretournament favourite for the of the handle. Any player, Brown men's title, insists that another says, will thus swing with a level triumpth this year would feel as ood as his previous successes in 1988 to 1990. "Every time is sweet. Every championship has its own special appeal.' New racket has rotating handle

An Ohio mathematician has contributes to tennis elbow. .

"Well you expect it to rain at transform hapless hackers into Wimbledon, don't you?" the sure-fire smashers at the flick of a

The "index handle" racket has ers adjust the angle of the racket face to conform to their anatomy.

Inventor Andy Brown, an actuarial consultant in Cincinnati and a recreational tennis player, blames a tilteo racket face for many of the frustrations of beginning olayers.

"One guy grabs a racket and has the face straight up and down," Brown said Monday. "Another guy grabs it and has the face facing up 40 degrees. The guy with the handle facing up 40 degrees isn't going to get the ball in the court.

His racket allows a player to adjust the angle over 60 degrees at any of 10 settings simply by loosening a screw in the bottom racket head, Brown says.

Massachusetts researchers, says the six-sided handle fits the hand better and puts the wrist in a stronger position. He says it also seems to reduce vibration that

News in erief

Gretzky stays in LA

LOS ANGELS (AFP) — Canadian ice-hockey wizard Wayne Gretzky is on the verge of renewing his contract with the Los Angeles Kings for a reputed 20 million dollars over two years, Gretzky, encouraged by the King's success in reaching the 1993 Stanley Cup final, believes he has still got a couple of years at the top, "and 20 million really isn't so bad," he concedes.

Holyfield going nowhere

ATLANTIC CITY (AFP) - Riddick Bowe's manager Rock Newman was not impressed by Evander Holyfield's comeback fight last weekend. Despite dominating British-oom American Alex Stewart, the workman-like Holyfield was unable to finish off a stubborn opponent." I think he should retire," said Newman.

Platt chased by Lecce

ROME (AFP) - The future of England football captain David Platt is still undecided. The 27-year-old midfield star failed to fit in at Juventus last season, but is now being chased by Lecce, who are looking for a big name to celebrate the club's return to serie A football next season. Juventus meanwhile hope to cultivate new Croatian signing Zoran Ban, 20, as a star for the future.

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(Agencies — An international human rights group Tuesday ac-cused Israeli leaders of giving undercover units of the security forces "a licence to kill" that bas led to the deaths of at least 120

"The fact that undercover units affect many arrests or that they sometimes face mortal danger. cannot excuse their resort to murder in other cases," said the U.S.-based monitoring group Middle East Watch.

The unjustified killings for which they are responsible are not aberrations, but rather constitute a pattern that could only continue with the complicity of

the Israeli government."

Middle East Watch's 187-page report, entitled "A Licence to Kill," said at least 120 Palestimians bad been killed by squads operating in disguise since the revolt against Israeli rule of the

West Bank and Gaza Strip. ft said about balf of those bad died since the beginning of 1992, with more than 30 Palestinians killed by the squads since Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin took office last July. Mr. Rabin had established the squads while defence minister in 1988, but kept their existence secret.

Elite undercover units take part in "premeditated assiassina-tions" and "summary execu-tions," middle East Watch director Kenneth Roth said:

In the report, which urges the United States to tie aid to Isreal to human rights, the group found from examination of the killings of 20 Palestinians last year and at

By Sausan Ghosheh

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Controversy over

the interpretation of articles in

lication Law have already risen

to the surface. The ambiguity

of some of the articles has in

this short period of time led to

a confrontation betweeen jour-

nalists and the Department of Press and Publications (DPP),

the primary publication-

monitoring institution in Jor-

Jahmani, in a letter to the editor-in-chief of "Al Ahali"

weekly newspaper issued by

the Jordanian Democratie Peo-

ple's Party (JDPP), stressed the need to abide by the Press

and Publication Law. This let-

ter came as a result of what

Mr. Jahmani described as a

violation of the law by the

newspaper, referring to three

articles published in its June 21

The first and most critical

article, entitled "Flowers of

spoke sarcastically about the

increasing vegetation sur-

rounding the intelligence ser-

vice (Mukhabarat) building

implying that the beautiful site

one sees on the outside is not

similar to the treatment one

What upset Mr. Jahmani

most regarding the article was

the presence of seven words.

"It's built from marble on the

outside ..." — the first half a

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witnesses on the inside.

the Intelligence Service.

the six-week old Press and Pub-

the start of 1993 "a pattern of unjustified lethal force by special

The forces, routinely disguised as Palestinian civilians, are bound by law enforcement rules the same as police that require minimum use of force unless facing mortal danger.

"But they violate both Israeli and international law," Mr. Roth told a press conference.

"The military command gives the special units licence to behave as if they were engaged in a military conflict, using tactles such as shooting to kill and shooting on sight," said the report.

The group, a division of Human Rights Watch, said only a minority of those killed were

"Most... are suspected stonethrowers and youtbs wearing masks whose identities are not known... but who are routinely shot while posing no imminent mortal danger to the soldiers or

Out of the 20 documented killmgs, just two men were carrying firearms and four wanted. fu only oue case did the army claim that a Palestinian tried to shoot before being killed, Middle East Watch alleged. Seven of the 20 were

under f6 years old, The group interviewed five soldiers, one of whom, identified as Sergeant A and formerly of an elite combat unit, told of shootto-kill ambushes. He detailed a briefing in which an officer said the objective was to "stick" a Palestinian, using Hebrew army

'Ambiguity' of press law sparks dispute

famous Arabic proverb which

ends with "and it's full with

The other two articles,

which Mr. Jahmani at first

criticised but later down-

played, addressed the prob-

lems in the Press and Publica-

tion Law and the imprison-

ment of a significant number of

alleged Islamists without trial.

"According to Mr. Jahmani, the articles "damage" the

reputation of the "security

apparatus" because they are

implicitly suggesting that the

intelligence service bypasses. the law and tortures prisoners.

our security apparatus," said Mr. Jahmani. "ft is purely a

legal matter," be maintained,

basing bis argument on Article

40 (Chapter 2) of the Press and

Publication Law, which pro-

hibits the publication of any

material that "barms the secur-

said alluding to the letter. "If this is repeated again the DPP

might take Al Ahali to court ...

in a democracy the judiciary

Nihad Abu Ghosh, an editor

at the newspaper and a leading

member of the JDPP, said:"

The reasons given by Mr.

Jabmani are not the main

reasons behind the notice. Our

party and newspaper's position

on some issues do not go well

with some people and that is

the main reason for this warn-

Although the JDPP did not

system is the final arbitrator.

"This is only a notice," he

ity apparatus."

"This is a .defamation of

dirt on the inside,

The Israeli army issued a denial of the charges, terming the fitle of the study "maliciously misleading and totally untrue.

The report by Middle East Watch is the latest in a stream of charges by human rights groups that Israel has a sboot-to-kill poli-

"In many cases, the victims posed little or no grave danger to others, were given no opportunity to surrender and could in all probability have been captured alive," said the report.

"In at least one case, security force agents executed their victim after be was in de facto custody, this is when he was posing no threat and has no real possibility

escaping. Under Israeli rules, soldiers are supposed to shout a warning, fire in the air and only then shoot at legs of fleeing Palestinians. De-tailed regulations have not been

Middle East Watcha said the regulations had allowed soldiers to sboot dead bundreds of Palestinians during the five years of clashes but focused on the undercover units, which it said bad even "targetted individual Palestinians for assassination."

"We are aware of only one court-martial resulting from the 17 cases presented in this report in which we believe there was unjust killing by soldiers," it said.

Even in that single case, the bight punishment sent the wrong signal: A partially suspended sentence and only three months behind bars for shooting a f2-year-old boy in the back."

support the passing of the Press and Publication Law,

Mr. Abu Gbosb reaffirms the

newspaper's commitment to

law," he said, explaining that

the ambiguity of the law allows for people to interpret it in different ways. "Who decides

what harms the security appar-atus and what does not?" Mr. Abn Ghosh exclaimed. He

stressed that what is important

is the spirit of the law and the

essence of democracy and not

the ambiguous articles of the

change its policy as a result of

the warning, be stressed that

the newspaper "will continue

to fight to achieve freedom and

human rights. Nothing will

applied, its problems are be-

coming more and more visi-

ble," said Salim Al Zoubi.

member of the Lower House

of Parliament, when asked to

tioned that he was among the

parliamentarians who opposed

Article 40 in the Press and Pub-

lication Law, but was not suc-

Such an article leaves it open

for those in power to interpret

it the way they please and to

their benefit, he stated. "In

such cases it needs to be left up

to the judicial system to deter-

mine whether it is the role of

iournalists to tell the truth and

criticise the wrong or not."

cessful in revoking it.

Mr. Zoubi, a lawyer, men-

comment about the incident.

"Now that the law is being

When asked if Al Ahali will

"We did not violate the

plotted to kill former President George Bush. U.N. officials say that plot justified the missile attack on Baghdad. The council took no action on the U.S. Iraq confrontation. ignoring Iraq's protest that the missile attack was an act of U.S.

Security

Council

warns Iraq

on border

UNITED NATIONS (Agencies)

Monday rejected fraq's protest of

a U.N. boundary that restricts

frag's access to the Gulf and

warned of serious consequences

The action was taken the day

after the United States presented

evidence that it said proved Iraq

of a violation.

The U.N. Security Council

The council, however, bas turned its attention to other issues of Iraq's compliance with

the Gulf war ceasefire agree-Iraq in a June 6 letter protested the location of a U.N. boundary

set under the ceasefire giving Kuwait half of the strategic Khor Abdullah, Iraq's only outlet to the Gulf. Iraq previously control-led the entire waterway. Iraq said the boundary com-

mission's mandate did not include the waterway and complained that the new boundary virtually landlocks Iraq. But the council in a statement

said Iraq must respect the bound-

The council wishes to stress to fraq the inviolability of the international boundary between fraq and Kuwait ... and the serious consequences that would ensure from any breach thereof," said the statement, read aloud by the council president, Juan Antonio Yanez-Barnuevo, the ambassador of Spain who heads the council this month.

The fraqi protest said fraq has spent billions of dollars over the years on channels, navigation lanes and ports in the Khor

"The imposition of the boundary presents a grave threat to Iraq's right to enjoy freedom of access to the sea by exercising its historic right to unrestricted and safe navigation in the area," he

He repeated Iraq's rejection of the boundary commission, saying its actions "represent a purely political decision imposed by the powers dominating the Security Council and the U.N., particularly the United States and the United Kingdom."

The dispute over the boundary commission is only one of various issues between fraq and the United Nations. Others include fraq's refusal to permit long-term monitoring cameras at missile sites and to divulge its complete list of foreign suppliers to its prohibited weapons programmes.

A U.N. spokesman in Bahrain

said U.N. experts charged with The JPA on Monday urged fraq's disarmament resumed work Monday after a one-day interruption caused by the U.S. missile strike on Baghdad.

Russian expert Nikita Smidovich remained in Iraq awaiting Baghdad's approval to install surveillance cameras at missile test

The Security Council has warned of "serious consequences" if frag r. jects the installation of the cameras.

Clinton's warning

President Bill Clinton warned Monday that be would not hesitate to retaliate again if fraq continue violence or statesponsored "terrorism" against the United States.

The warning was made in a letter to the speaker of the House of Representatives and to the Senate majority leader, the text of which was released by the White House.

Washington'favours' Saddam's departure

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The that the departure of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is Washington's "preference" for improve relations with Baghdad.

COMRADES-IN-ARMS: Palestinian leader Yasser huddle together Tuesday during the Organisation Arafat and South African leader. Nelson Mandela of African Unity summit in Cairo (AFP photo)

The statement came in response to journalists' questions about whether any hope remained for the fraqi leader's"re-demption" in the wake of Sunday's U.S. cruise missile strike on the fraqi intelligence services headquarters, in retaliation for an alleged plot to kill former U.S. President George Bush.

"f think the prospects for redemption relate very directly to full compliance with relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions," State Department spokes-man Mike McCurry said. "That would be the sborthand way of saying that we expect full com-pliance with those resolutions,"

raised eyebrows by suggesting that relations could improve with Baghdad if the Iraqi leader "redeemed" himself. On Sunday, Vice President Al Gore said

the missile attack "was not to up and overthrow Saddam," but be added, "we would like that to happen."

. v said Washington had received very strong statements of support from a number of our key friends and allies" on the Sunday d. He also rejected the characterisation of the attack as based on a "double standard" that does not apply in Bosnia-

Hercegovina. "The attack ... was in response to a direct threat against the United States of America requiring a unilateral response," he said. "These are just not similar

Media 'misted' White House spokesman Dee

Dee Myers acknowledged Monday that the shroud of secrecy surrounding the U.S. missile strike on Baghdad made her un-intentionally mislead the press.

Appearing uneasy and sounding upset, Ms. Myers said she learned Saturday, just a few hours beforehand, of the planned Tomahawk cruise missile strike on Iraq's intelligence command centre that was launched later that day.

President Clinton's decision to order the attack was made Friday, following bis review of intelligence including a Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) report on the alleged plot to kill Mr. Busb, administration officials

"It was an oversight," the spokeswoman said. "There was never any intention of misleading

The New York Times reported ers were infromed of the planned strike: National Security Adviser Anthony Lake; his deputy, Sandy Berger: White House Chief of Staff Mack McLarty; and the president's two personal advisers, George Stepbanopoulos and David Gergen. The White House press service was kept out of the

loop, the New York Times said. Ms. Myers stressted Monday that she had said the report was not ready based on information given her by another administration official, who also was in the dark. "I asked the question, but I asked the wrong person," she

Artillery duels rage in S. Lebanon

AL MANSOUREH, Lebanon (Agencies) - Artillery, rocket and machinegun duels raged in South Lebanon Tuesday, killing a child, wounding seven people and causing extensive material damage, security sources said.

They said the violence erupted when pro-Iranian Hizbollah guerrillas attacked Hamra, a crossing point into fsrael's self-styled "security zone," and clashed with Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army (SLA) militiamen.

Fighting with rockets and machineguns escalated into artillery duels when guerrillas fired at Sir Patrick was on his way to a three militia posts. Israeli and SLA forces pounded areas near four villages to the north and a mountainous ridge where Hizbollah is active.

wounded and three Lebanese civilians were lightly injured at Guerrillas fired at the three SLA posts and a radar position with about 40 mortar bombs and Katyusha rockets. Israeli and SLA gunners hit back by firing about 130 rounds of heavy artillery, wounding one civilian.

Later in the day, Hizbollah (Party of God) guerrillas detonated a bomb by remote control as an armoured Israeli patrol was passing between Rihane and Aishiyeh villages on the edge of the zone. There were no reports of casualties.

A f0-year-old boy was later killed and a man wounded in the village of Shaqra by machinegune fire from Israeli or SLA forces. The machinegun fire also hit two other villages to the north of

Shaqra, just outside the zone. The Israeli and SLA shelling parked a blaze in Al Mansourel illage, where several houses and shops were badly damaged and three cars destroyed. Extensive material damage was also reported in two nearby villages.

Villagers expressed fears the violence would escalate and said they were considering leaving their houses as they had no bunk-

ers to hide in. Israeli troops shot dead two Hizbollah guerrillas in a clash north of the zone Monday, Israeli

The guerrillas were ambushed and killed on the edge of the eastern sector of Israei's "security

into the town of Hasbaya, said the source. The Israeli military said its

soldiers killed "two terrorists" belonging to Hizbollah in a clash. It said no Israelis were hurt. Tension bas been high in South

Lebanon, the only active Arab-Isrseli battle front, as Middle East peace talks dragged without progress in Washington.

Hizbollah, which has vowed to wreek the Arab-Israeli peace talks, has been waging a guerrilla war to dislodge Israel from the 1,100-square-kilometre enclave. which has a predominantly Shi'ite population of 200,000.

Bomb 'joke' lands **U.K.** government in trouble

LONDON (R) — The accident-

prone British government suf-

fered fresb embarrassment when

its Northern freland secretary

bad to apologise for a flippant remark about a grenade blast in Belfast. Sir Patrick Mayhew said be much regretted any distress caused by his stray remark com-paring the toll of Saturday's blast with the plot of an opera in which several characters ended up dead. performance of Donnizetti's Lucia De Lammermoor when he was told by a radio reporter that a blast during a Protestant parade had injured 28 people. "No no-Two SLA militiamen were body dead. At the end of this opera everybody's dead," was bis spontaneous response, capture on tape. Apparently aware of a possible blunder. Sir Patrick followed up quickly: "ft's a very bad thing. It's not a thing to joke about. It's a very serious thing from what I hear and f am not joking about it in the slightest way." But tabloid newspapers took him to task over the casual tone of his response to the latest injuries in the bitter guerrilla conflict over control of the province. "Fury over bomb joke minister" boomed the headline on the London Evening Standard. Angry Northern frisb politicians demanded an apology. Sir Patrick expressed his regret in letter to the Labour Party's spokesman on Northern Irelas kevir McNamara, in which be

More than 50 Bangladeshis hurt in braw

was killed.

said the controversial remark was

an expression of relief that no one

DHAKA (R) - Villagers armed with spears, swords, knives and axes fought in northern Bangladesh, injuring more than 50 people, police said Tnesday. The fighting erupted Monday after a: man slapped a rickshaw-puller in Faridour district, a police officer said. The victim told his relatives about the incident and shortly after hundreds of neighbours arrived armed with primitive weapons seeking vengeance, the officer said. Several policemen also injured, he told reporters.

Chinese police rescue 162 women sold into slavery

PEKING (R) — Chinese police

smashed a crime ring and rescued f62 women wbom the gang bad abducted and forced into prostitution, a local newspaper reported. Police in the southern provinces of Human and Guanedong recently joined forces to arrest 86 members of the syndicate who kidnapped the women between November 1991 and this April. They were aided in the abductions by beauty salon managers and innkeepers, the June 26 edition of Hunan Daily said. ft gave no further details. Abduction and enslavement of women, banned when the Chinese Communists took power in 1949, has resurfaced in recent years f'v orthodox Marxist values wante. Often the women are illiterate peasants tricked into accompanying men by promises of lucrative jobs in cities. Taken to distant provinces, the women are sold to farmers as slave brides or to brothels. Police last year rescued more than 10,000 women sold

problem is growing nationwide. Half of Parisians do not wear seat-belts

into slavery and acknowledge the

PARIS (R) — Nearly half of all

Paris drivers refuse to wear seat-

belts in defiance of the law, a w government study showed. The Transport Ministry survey showed that on average French drivers and front-seat passengers buckle up 62 per cent of the time in cities, but the rate falls to 53 per cent in Paris. Drivers in southern France are less inclined a to wear seat-belts, with an average of about 40 per cent obeying the law, while in the north and east about 80 per cent comply, a ministry spokesman said. The survey was released to mark the 20th anniversary on July I of a decree requiring drivers and front-seat passengers to wear seat-belts outside of cities. The requirement was extended to cities at night in 1975 and has applied round-the-clock since 1979. Since f990 rear-seat passengers have been required to wear seat-belts. The study showed that 94 per cent of drivers and from seat passengers buckle up while on motorways. But only 30 per cent of rear-seat passenger; wear their belts on motorways, with the rate even lower in cities and on secondary roads.

Non-JPA journalists to go to court if association's demands are met

By Ayman Al Safadi Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN -- A group of Jordanian journalists will go to court to protect what they call their constitutional right to work if the government heeds Jordan Press Association (JPA) demands to discredit them.

The journalists, mainly foreign correspondents who are not members of the JPA, do not, however, expect the government to implement the "drastic measures" demanded by the association, Salameh Ne'mat, Jordan correspondent of Al Hayat Ara-bie daily and spokesman for a journalists committee for the defense of the freedom of the press said Tuesday.

government to implement the Press and Publications Law. which went into effect May 17, and put an end to "the infringements by non-JPA members on the journalism profession in Jor-

The JPA wants government to restrict recognition of journalists to JPA members, ensure that chief of bureaus of foreign news organisations in the country are JPA members and ban reporters not registered with the association from writing for foreign publications as required by the Press and Publications Law and the

JPA's temporary law. In a statement issued Monday, the JPA also demanded that govemment do not accredit any Arab national as a journalist in Jordan without first obtaining the approval of its board.

Minister of Information Ma'an Abu Nowar said he would not comment on these demands until the JPA officially asks the minis-

try to implement them. However, these "demands would have to be studied from

the legal, constitutional and political perspectives," Dr. Abu Nowar told the Jordan Times Tuesday. During a meeting with JPA board on June 18, Dr. Abu

Nowar said the association was directly responsible for ensuring that journalists abide by the law. "You... (have) a direct responsibility to ensure that (journalists) abide by the law in which you have full authority to defend the interests of the country and the freedom of the press," Dr. Abu

Nowar told JPA board. The minister said Tuesday he would seek a meeting with non-JPA member journalists to bear their views on the issue as well as joining the association.

Non-JPA member journalists.

who last year formed the committee for the defense of the freedom of the press to fight the Press and Publications Law when it was being debated by the Lower House of Parliament said, however, that they will not join the JPA because it does not reflect their aspirations as journalists and violates some of their basic professional ethics.

"I do not want to be part of an association that received financial support from foreign governments," said Mr. Ne'mat in what to both permanent and temporseemed to be a reference to housing funds the association had received from the Iraqi govern-

Non-JPA member journalists also say forcing them to join the mands and a court of law rules association is an encroachment on their basic right to freedom of

Other reasons cited by journal-

ment that applicants spend a certain period of time as trainees before they are acknowledged as full-fledged members regardless of their previous experience. "I have been working as a

journalist for IO years. The JPA cannot consider me a traince for a year after 1 apply to join it," said Besides, he said, it is the news rganisation that employs the

be a journalist or not. "I am not applying for a job with the JPA." "Our choices is either 10 comply (with the law) or suffer the consequences, "said Mr. Ne mat. In his case, he said, he would take

urnalist which has the right to

decide whether one is qualified to

Mr. Ne'mat said non-JPA member journalists would not abide by the JPA demands withont first launching a legal battle against them.

"(The press and publications law) is the law of the country. I cannot but comply (with it) unless I raise a case in court," he said. Such a case, however, seems

like a loosing one.
"If the law says journalists must be members of the JPA then they have to abide by it," said prominent Jordanian lawyer Ibrahim Bakr. That, he said, applies

ary laws. Non-JPA members, however, are determined to take their battle to the end.

If government heeds JPA deagainst them, they will appeal the ruling at the supreme court. "And f will continue to work,"

said Mr. Ne'mat, expressing a ists opposed to joining the asso-ciation include a JPA require-non-JPA member journalists. determination shared by other

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on Monday night on Cable News Network. The U.S. aircraft carrier Theodore Rossevelt sailed through the Suez Canal Tuesday on its way to the Red Sea to take part in

enforcing a ban on fraqi flights in southern fraq, witnesses said. In other related developments: One of the conservative Russian parliament's two chambers protested Tuesday against the U.S. raid on fraq which President Boris Yeltsin's government has

strongly backed. The other, the Council of Natinalities, looked likely to protest Wednesday, A resolution passed overwhelmingly by the Council of the Republic said the U.S. action "contradicts international law and revives the cult of force in international relations.

Russian Vice-President Alexander Ratskoi denounced the U.S. strike on Iraq as immoral and blasted the Russian foreign ministry for supporting it.

Mr. Rutskoi said it could only be regretted that Russia had been among the first to approve of this "illegal" action, without consult-

ing parliament.
"Once again Russia, thanks to tbe efforts of the radicaldemocrats, is bobbing along in the wake of U.S. policy, ignoring not only its own national interests but also renouncing any idea of morality or decency in foreign

- Polish President Lech Walesa criticised the U.S. raid and suggested Washington was taking on the role of "world police-

The Dalai Lama criticised the U.S. attack as "very, very unfortunate." He said he wished America could have found less violent ways to increase pressure on Baghdad.

The exiled Tibetan head of state and spiritual leader also said it was "a bit nnfair" to blame the Iraqi president for all of Iraq's aggression and international de-

"My heart went a little bit towards him. ...Saddam Hnssein's dictatorshsip did not come out from sky by himself, but many nations were involved to create that situation. Without his army, without his weapons, Saddam Hussein as one single person cannot be a dictatorship," he

- Iraqi opposition leaders in exile criticised the U.S. attack for the civilian deaths it caused and stressed that the real goal re-mained the overthrow of President Saddam.

Mohammad Taqi Modaressi, head of the Islamic Action Organisation, charged in a statement issued in Damascus that Sunday's missile strike on fraqi intelligence headquarters in downtown Baghdad "avoided targetting the real criminal (Saddam) in order to

Tension runs high in Iraq amid fears

punish the country and its oppres sed people." "ft is necessary to get rid of. Saddam Hussein to end the tragedy of the fraqi people," Mr. Modaressi added.

In another statement here, Al Daarwa, the oldest opposition force, said 'The American action has an unjustifiable reprisal strike against Iraq and the Iraqi people. who suffer at the hands of both Saddam Hussein and Amer-

- Americans backed President Clinton's decision to bomb Iraq's intelligence beadquarters by nearly a four-to-one margin and his popularity rose sharply after the weekend attack, an opinion

The CBS News/New York Times survey found that 66 per cent of those polled said they supported the attack on Baghdad, while just 17 per cent said they opposed it. The survey, done in two stages,

also found that Mr. Clinton's

overall approval rating was

boosted by the mission.

Of the 1,363 people surveyed on June 21-24, just before the raid, 39 per cent approved of Mr. Clinton's overall performance, while 46 per cent disapproved. In calls back to 622 of the same group Sunday evening, Mr. Clinton's approval rating shot up to 50 per cent with 43 per cent

bave said. At her daily press briefing Friday, Ms. Myers said, "We hear that (the FBI) report is in its final phases, but it's not complete." Asked whether that implies the departure of President Saddam, Mr. McCurry said, "that would be our preference." Just before taking office in January, President Bill Clinton Monday, she insisted "it was a honest mistake" and "something we'll try to change in the future.' miltiary sources said.